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## SBC Gifts Exceed \$5,000,000 For First Six Months of 1948

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— Southern Baptists have passed the half-way mark in their 1948 goal for \$10,000,000 in contributions to the denomination's national and world-wide causes.

A six-months report released today by Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, showed that a total of \$5,300,090.54 had been received by his office through June 30.

Of this amount, \$2,894,387.45 was received for the general Co-operative Program and \$2,405,703.09 was received for designated objects.

Dr. McCall cautioned against over optimism in the viewing of this six-months report. Despite the apparent success indicated by the total of funds received, he said two failures are noted. They are (1) the Convention-adopted goal asked for \$7,500,000 in distributable Co-operative Program receipts, whereas less than \$6,000,000 will be received on the basis of giving to that category the first six months; and (2) the amount of the designated receipts was boosted by the annual Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong mission offerings early this year which will not be matched by any other large giving the latter part of the year.

Receipts for 1948 of \$5,300,090.54 compare with receipts of \$4,281,121.74 for the same period of 1947. The total 12-months receipts for 1947 were \$7,346,463, indicating that 1948 giving may reach \$9,000,000 if the current trend continues, Dr. McCall said.

## YWA Camp Highlights 1,500 At Ridgecrest Meeting

One thousand five hundred delegates attended the Y. W. A. Encampment at Ridgecrest June 17-23. For her last time, Miss Juliette Mather directed the conference. Miss Mather, is leaving her position to become W. M. U. editorial secretary. Miss Margaret Bruce is Miss Mather's successor.

The fourteen workshops for the week concerned mission work all over the world, presenting the mission challenge to business girls in their daily contacts as well as to those who will serve as foreign missionaries. Leaders were Miss Frances Barbour; Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, Blue Mountain, Miss; Miss Marjorie E. Moore; Miss Virginia Wingo and Miss Miriam Robinson, Louisville, Kentucky; and missionaries from South America, Africa, Palestine, Europe, and China.

Daily Miss Margaret Applegarth, author and lecturer, New York City, led the Bible hour, studying the Gospel according to the twenty-one women mentioned in the New Testament. Miss Applegarth is associated with the Northern Baptist Convention, and the American Council of Church Women.

### Only 12 Survived Hiroshima

Dr. Edwin B. Dozier, missionary to Japan spoke of the growth of Baptist work in Japan, and said that only twelve members of the Hiroshima Baptist Church survived the atomic bomb, but out of that group has grown a great soul-winning church.

Another speaker was Dr. Bela Ud- (Continued on Page Two)

## Anti-Garb Measure Wins in North Dakota

### Help The Association Clerks

By Porter Routh, Secretary Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information

The United States District Courts recently announced that 87 per cent of the bankrupts in the United States failed to keep proper records. Good records are important in business — and the King's business should be the most important in the world.

Within the next few weeks, hundreds of associations will be holding their annual meetings. From the tip of Florida to the top of California, Baptists will come together to tell "what God has done." Reports will be made to inspire. Programs will be projected for conquests ahead.

Baptists will know best how to plan their program for the year ahead if they know where they have failed, and where they have been blessed with success, in the past. That is why the work of the Associational clerk is taking a more important place than it has ever had before. For the associational clerk, today, does more than keep the minutes. His work has become vital in that he presents the association with a graphic picture of the past year to serve as a springboard for the year ahead.

The associational clerk depends on the church clerk. The church clerk needs the help of the pastor, the treasurer, the Sunday school superintendent, the Training Union Director, the W. M. U. president, the Brotherhood leaders and others in the church. Good records demand teamwork.

This is a plea for help. I know that your state statistical officer will join with me in saying: "Help the associational clerks!" They are doing a valuable work. Let's make 1948 the best year for the collection of records on Southern Baptist church life. It will help make 1949 the best year in Southern Baptist life.

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## Brookhaven Church Has Second Mission

First Church, Brookhaven, Rev. W. L. Miller, pastor, has established its second mission. The latest one is on Georgia Avenue and for the present is being called Central Baptist Chapel.

The lot was purchased some months ago and the present structure was erected by the Young Business Men's Sunday School class, D. D. Kennedy, teacher.

FARGO, N. D. —(RNS)— Catholic nuns and priests have been prohibited from teaching in North Dakota's public schools as the result of a referendum on whether persons wearing religious garb may teach in the state's schools.

Nearly complete returns indicated a favorable vote for the antigarb measure of 93,469 and 83,030 opposed in 1,973 out of 2,269 precincts.

It was generally assumed here by the press and radio that the antigarb adherents had won a decisive victory and that no further tabulation of results was necessary.

The anti-garb referendum petition was filed by the North Dakota Committee for Separation of Church and State, after obtaining the 10,000 signatures required to place the measure on the ballot.

### Bishop Refused

At that time the committee issued a statement saying that "in an attempt to avoid placing the issue on the ballot," three of its members approached Bishop Vincent J. Ryan of Bismark. They asked him to sign an agreement to withdraw "all of the Roman Catholic garbed persons" from North Dakota public schools by 1950.

The bishop refused, said the statement, "giving the committee no other choice than to file this petition."

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## Judge Refuses To Dismiss New Mexico School Suit

SANTA FE, N. M. — Dismissal of a suit which would bar Roman Catholic nuns and priests from teaching in state public schools was refused by District Judge E. T. Hensley of Portales, sitting here to hear the case.

The motions seeking dismissal were made by attorneys representing the following defendants: Governor Thomas J. Marby, State School Superintendent Charles L. Rose, State School Budget Auditor R. H. Grissom, Budget Officer R. H. Hannah, and a number of individual Roman Catholics.

An interested observer at the hearings was J. Hilton Jackson of Washington, D. C. Jackson, attorney for the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relation, filed a brief for his group, prior to the McCollum Supreme Court decision, asking the high court to rule as unconstitutional a program of religious education operating then in the public schools of Champaign, Illinois.

## Says Referendum Outcome Not Anti-Catholic Movement

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— A warning against interpreting the results of the North Dakota anti-garb referendum as an "anti-Catholic movement" was issued here by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Dr. J. M. Dawson, acting executive director, described the referendum outcome, in which voters banned the wearing of religious garb in public schools, as a "mandate of the people to preserve Church-State separation."

He denied that Protestants-United had initiated the referendum or had

been affiliated with the North Dakota Protestant group which campaigned for it.

His organization, Dr. Dawson said, had taken an active interest in the referendum because of an "earnest conviction that state and federal laws should not permit any religious test to be imposed upon anyone holding public office."

He said the wearing of a distinctive religious garb is a "symbol of a particular sectarian faith," and that it "exerts a silent but real influence on the immature in behalf of that religion."

## Informed Baptists Are Better Baptists

## The Every Family Plan Makes Informed Baptists



## YWA CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

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varnoki, president of the Baptist Seminary, Budapest, Hungary. He said that too many Christians hide in the churches to shake off responsibilities.

Miss Sue Saito, missionary to Hawaii, told of the rapid growth of Baptist work there during and since the war. This growth she attributed to prayers and assistance from Southern Baptists, and to the missionaries who served in Hawaii while barred from other fields by the war. Miss Saito, the daughter of Buddhists, received her education in New Orleans.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, of the Sunday School Board, spoke Sunday morning. Dr. J. B. Lawrence, of the Home Mission Board, spoke on "Meeting Our Obligation to God."

## Seventy-Two Dedications

"The Power of Making Little Things Big" was Dr. M. Theron Rankin's subject as he brought the dedication message Sunday Night. Today we need people who are big enough to do little things, and make the little things big. Seventy-two young women dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service.

Monday night was Training School night, with Mrs. George R. Martin, president, W. M. U., Southern Baptist Convention, presiding. In the early part of the program "Mather's Day" was proclaimed.

The E. A.'s, G. A.'s and the Sunbeams presented Miss Mather a red rose for each of her 27 years of service as young people's secretary; a gold watch was given her by the Y. W. A.

Dr. Brimm brought startling news of the serious conditions of our world today. He stated that leading scientists realize that the only hope of saving our world from destruction is a spiritual solution. He emphasized that the world will not be saved until the message of Christ reaches the hearts of people through the lives of Christians.

Wednesday night, Mrs. John L. Riffey, missionary to Brazil talked of the faces that have become radiant from seeing God. Miss Kate Ellen Gruver, missionary to Palestine, brought the closing vesper message Wednesday.

## Candles Lighted

As is the custom, Y. W. A. conference closed with a candle lighting service. Missionaries were the first to light their candles from the large one representing Light of the World, from their candles, volunteers for full-time Christian service lighted candles. The group stood around Lake Dew with their candles aglow singing hymns of consecration and evangelism.

The most colorful part of the encampment was International Hour Sunday afternoon with Lake Dew surrounded by the flags of the world. Many countries were represented by young women in native costume, twelve of whom quoted Scripture in their own languages. Miss Esther Lin told of mission school work in Canton, China. Miss Rodriguez spoke of the great need for the Gospel in Mexico.

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## ANTI-GARB MEASURE

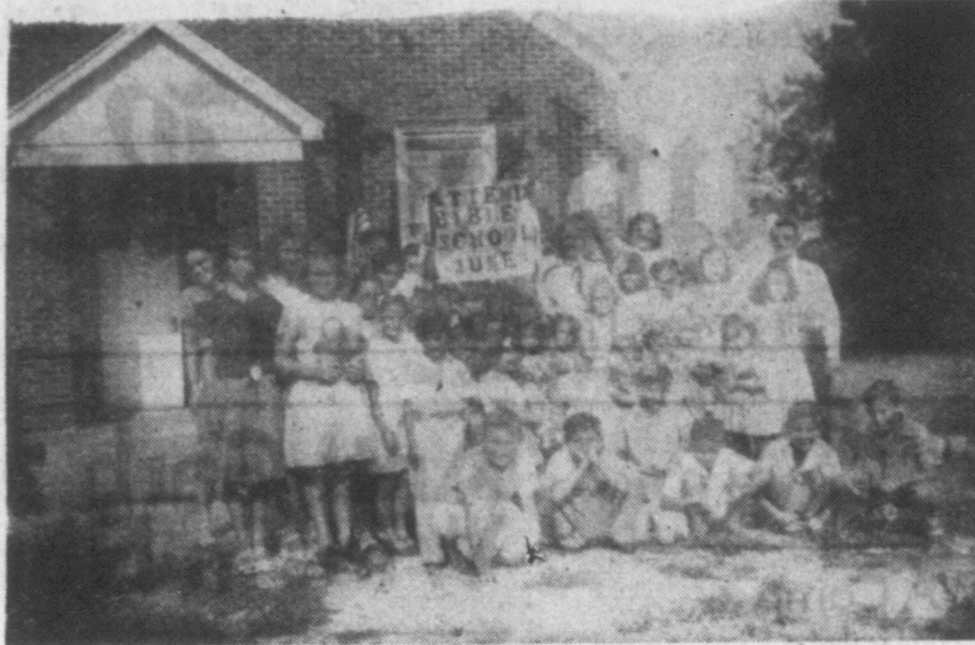
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Papers Silent—Pamphlets Published Newspapers, radio commentators and political speakers generally shied away from the anti-garb issue. It was felt that bitter feeling among neighbors could be avoided by not contributing to the discussion.

However, both Protestants and Catholics published pamphlets on the issue which were widely distributed. The pamphlets were to be found in barber shops, beauty parlors, and at every urban mail-box.

Directly affected by the referendum outcome are 72 Catholic nuns employed in rural and small town schools throughout the state.

## PLEASANT HILL, DeSOTO HAS FIRST VBS



Pleasant Hill Church, DeSoto County, recently closed their first VBS with 55 children enrolled. They voted to send a package through CARE to the hungry children of Europe.

Those assisting in the school were: Mrs. S. G. Falkner, Mrs. N. B. King, Jr., Mrs. Martha Ross, Mrs. Willie Dunlap, Mrs. Valla Dunn, Mrs. Nora Shelton, Mrs. J. R. Stewart, Mrs. W. W. Watson.

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## Pine Grove Church, Jones Has VBS

Pine Grove Church, Jones County, has recently closed one of the best Vacation Bible Schools in the history of the church. There were 76 enrolled and a mission offering of \$10.36, which was given for the local shut-ins. The church furnished a bus to bring children to the school.

Mrs. L. C. Vaughn served as principal and Rev. Marvin K. Lee was school pastor, according to Mrs. Marvin K. Lee, church reporter.

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## GIVES STATISTICS ON JAPANESE PROTESTANTISM

TOKYO —(RNS)— A total of 784,893 persons attended meetings held last year under the auspices of the Japan for Christ Movement, according to figures published in Japan for Christ magazine here. Of this number, 110,842 signed cards as inquirers.

There were 40,246 applicants for baptism during 1947 and 9,978 were actually baptized, the magazine said.

The publication listed the following Church statistics:

Church of Christ in Japan—18 regional conferences; 1,302 churches; 1,442 ministers; 184,469 members.

The Japan Episcopal Church—ten parishes; 222 churches; 220 ministers; 28 missionaries; 30,000 members.

The Salvation Army—four regiments in Tokyo, Osaka, Tohoku and Hokkaido districts; 500 corps and 200 officers; 9,000 members.

The Reorganized Holiness Church—seven ministers; seven houses of worship; 500 members.

The Kassai (Water of Life) Christian Church—seven churches; 1,200 members.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church—eight ministers; 25 associate ministers; 20 churches; 633 members.

The Japan Baptist Union (consisting of 12 churches which were affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention before the war and which recently withdrew from the United Church)—12 churches.

According to Japan for Christ, 13 churches of the Japan Nazarene Church withdrew from the United Church last year and reorganized the Japan Nazarene Church. It formerly had a membership of 1,450.

The Japan Lutheran Church—30 churches; nine missionaries; 27 ministers; 1,465 members.

## BECKER CHURCH HAS VBS, REVIVAL BEGINS JULY 18

Becker Church closed a successful VBS recently with 92 enrolled. Their daily offering went to the cooperative program.

Mrs. J. E. Barrow was principal, assisted by Pastor J. E. Barrow. Mrs. Bill Thornton was Intermediate supt.; Mrs. Coyt Sanders, Junior supt.; Miss Kathryn Humphrey, Primary supt.; Mrs. Bert Reece, Beginner supt. The following also assisted: Miss Hazel Ashcraft, Mrs. Charlie Mann, Mrs. Ada Ashcraft, Mrs. W. E. West, Mrs. Tom Thornton, Mrs. Tommy Reedy, Mrs. Roger Thornton, Miss Maurine West, Mrs. Olen Roberts, and Mrs. Edith Armstrong. J. C. Boggan furnished transportation for the children and the WMU served refreshments daily.

Mr. Barrow has been pastor at Becker for 17 months, but has not lived on the field until his recent graduation from Clarke College. During this time there have been approximately 45 additions. Their annual revival begins July 18 with Rev. J. R. Reedy, of Eupora, preaching and Jake Hebert, of Clarke College, leading the singing.

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## SHUT-INS BROUGHT TO CHURCH BY AMBULANCE

PADUCAH, Ky. —(RNS)— More than thirty "shut-ins," lying in cots or propped up in their seats directly in front of the pulpit, attended a regular service in East Baptist church here at which 500 members were present.

For most of the "shut-ins" — who came by ambulance or special cars — the church attendance was their first in months, or even, in some instances, in years.

Here's how the unique attendance came about. The church's extension department, which serves about 80 "shut-ins" by teaching them Sunday school lessons and giving other aid, decided to make one gigantic effort to round up invalid and aged members and bring them to church.

A local funeral home, informed of the plan, volunteered for the job of transporting some of the "shut-ins" to the church.

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Rubama Church, Noxubee County, will hold its annual revival beginning the third Sunday in July. Rev. William Watson, of Louisville, will assist the pastor, Rev. W. I. Allen.

Foreign Missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Riddell, will sail for Bogota, Columbia on July 29 from New Orleans.

## "Living Memorials" Honor War Dead

A "living memorial" of six scholarships valued at \$120 each per annum has been set up by St. John's Baptist Church of Charlotte in appreciation of its six young men who died in World War II.

Dr. Claude U. Broach, minister said that the scholarships are awarded annually to students on a graduate level who are preparing themselves for a life of definite Christian service.

Two Negro young men are among the six recipients of the current scholarships. One is a student in Seminary at Nashville, Tenn., and the other is in the Graduate School of Religion at Shaw University. Two scholarships went to students at New Orleans Baptist Seminary and two went to students at Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

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## NEW ORLEANS MISSION BAND HAD GOOD START

Eighteen workers in the City Mission Program of New Orleans Association met July 3 for organization and to make reports of the work. At the request of the Superintendent, they organized themselves into a Missionary Band composed of regular and Home Mission summer workers. Rev. Hubert Hurt of Louisville, Miss., was elected president. Rev. Hugh Dooley of Oklahoma was elected vice-president, and Miss Lois Irby, another Mississippian, was elected secretary.

As the workers related their thrilling experiences, some giving one angle and some another, it would have encouraged the most pessimistic Baptist. They are building chapels, holding vacation Bible Schools and revivals, visiting in homes, reading the Bible and teaching.

There have been 27 professions of faith, 6 have been baptized, 7 have joined churches otherwise, \$73.20 sent to the Cooperative Program of the state and \$652.00 given by the Missions for all causes.

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## Chaplains Needed For National Guard

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(BP)— Southern Baptist ministers have been asked to help fill the need for chaplains in local National Guard posts throughout their territory.

Col. Alfred C. Oliver, Jr., chaplain, has written that at present there are only 150 chaplains in the National Guard whereas present strength of the Guard calls for 580 chaplains. A total of 270 will be needed when the Guard reaches its full strength, he said.

"The immediate and pressing need to fill the chaplain ranks in the National Guard is obvious," Chaplain Oliver wrote the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. "Chaplains are particularly needed at this time to provide spiritual and moral guidance to approximately 250,000 men who will spend two weeks in field training this summer."

Chaplain Oliver suggested that ministers should visit their local National Guard armories or write the Adjutant General in their state to determine if a chaplain is needed in their area.



# Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, Phones 4-6384 and 3-2476, Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi. Home Phone 3581 Clinton, Mississippi.

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12

## A REPRINTING

We regret that our printers made a serious error last week in the printed statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of May. The little numeral "one" was left out, though otherwise the statement seemed perfect. The error was in the statement of Co-operative Program receipts which were in the amount of \$41,133.02. The printed figure was only \$4,133.62, and there is quite a difference in the two.

We require that our bookkeeping department have their figures 100 per cent correct, and we must have the same thing in the printing of these figures. Therefore, as much as we regret to take the space, we are this week reprinting this schedule.

—BR—

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12. For sometime we have been using this Scripture at the head of this column. This world would be vastly better if it listened to Jesus. Why do not nations heed Jesus? Yes, but why do not Christians and churches obey Jesus?

If we treated others like we wanted them to treat us — many things would be better!

For instance, if you were lost, what would you want others to do for you? Answer: you would want them to tell you and show you the way out. You would want them to tell you about Christ — the way of Salvation. John 14:1-6. You would want them to turn you from the way of Hell to the way of Heaven! You would want them to tell you of sin and righteousness. Dives wanted someone to tell his brothers — Luke 16.

Why not treat the other fellow the same way? Seek the truth! Get the truth! Tell the truth! Disseminate the truth! Propagate the truth!

You know of course that Jesus was crucified on the background of a lie. "At last came two false witnesses." Matthew 26:60. They wanted to destroy somebody and that somebody was Jesus — "destroy Jesus," Matthew 27:20. That lie succeeded for awhile. It put Jesus to death. It broke, however, over the truth of His deity and the power of His resurrection! Is that lie still living? It is! We ran across the fruits of it in Jerusalem. Some people still believe the lie after more than 1900 years.

Small wonder our words will face us in the judgement! Jesus said, "That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement. For by thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned," Matthew 12:36-37.

Do you treat others as you want them to treat you?

Once more, you like for people to help you, encourage you, strengthen you? Do you add good spirit and heart to others as you go along the way. That is scriptural for we read, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works," Hebrews 10:24. That is the example of Jesus for "He went about doing good," Acts 10:38. Do you want others to do good unto you? Of course! Do you treat others likewise by doing good unto them?

These thoughts only begin to suggest the power and meaning of these practical words from the lips of Jesus, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," Matthew 7:12. Are they to you meaningful, or a mockery?

"Truth never dies! The ages come and go;

The mountains wear away; the seas retire;

Destruction lays earth's mighty cities low;

And empires, states and dynasties

expire;

But caught and handed onward by the wise,

Truth never dies!

Though unrecieved and scoffed at through the years,

Though made the butt of ridicule and jest;

Though held aloft for mockery and jeers, Denied by those of transient powers possessed,

Insulted by the indolence of lies,

Truth never dies!

Truth answers not; it does not take offense;

But with a mighty silence bides its time,

As some great cliff that braves the elements,

And lifts through all the storms its head sublime,

So truth, unmoved, its puny foes defies;

Truth never dies!

The lips of ridicule dissolve the dust;

The sophist's arguments, the jibes are still;

God working through the all-compelling Must,

Has broken those who dare combat His will,

New systems, born in wild unrest, arise;

Truth never dies!"

II

In this position we have not tried to do everything. We have realized the task was too tremendous for one person. We have concentrated on a few things.

First, we have tried to keep constant and uppermost an evangelistic emphasis. Second, we have tried to do the work that would help in bringing in the largest amount of money possible for all the work.

Third, we have done our best in reducing overhead or preaching and promotional costs. We have attained some good degree of success in this item as shown by the decreasing percentage of these costs as follows:

1939, 17 per cent; 1940, 16 per cent; 1941, 13 per cent; 1942, 7 per cent; 1943, 4 per cent; 1944, 3 1/2 per cent; 1945, 3 per cent; 1946, 2 1/4 per cent; 1947, 3 per cent.

Fourth, we have done everything that was legitimate we knew to do to build a great fellowship in love and unity. This was almost perfect until the last few months when selfishness got in the way.

III

Mr. W. D. Cole, Philadelphia, Convention Board member, Christian layman, successful business man, writes the following interesting letter:

"Dear Dr. McCall:

I have copy of your letter written to Mrs. P. E. Walker of the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Mississippi, wherein you enclosed a check for \$1,000.00, State Mission Building Aid for Beacon Street Mission in West Philadelphia.

You will be interested to know that this building is now under construction. They have their plans and have gone ahead with the Educational Department; and the foundation is down and construction will soon be well under way.

My information is that they have enough

money to get this part of the building up and probably get it into condition to be used both for the Sunday School and Preaching Services.

I believe the money that has been spent for State Mission Work in this county has been well invested.

One of the finest things that State Missions has done in this section of Mississippi was the building of the Choctaw Indian Church at Pearl River School west of Philadelphia on Highway 16. This is an excellent building and I dare say one of the best churches built in the state recently for the amount of money invested. I would be glad for every member of the Baptist State Convention Board to see this building and should any interested Baptist be passing between Philadelphia and Canton on Highway 16 it would be interesting for them to stop by and look this church building over. There is an Indian Store just across the highway east from the church building and Brother Nicholas Belle has the key to the church and would be glad to show anyone through. Our Choctaw Baptists are very appreciative of what State Missions has done for them.

Linwood Church has recently gone full time with Brother Hawkins as pastor. They are building a new church building there and no doubt will be asking for some help on this building this fall.

Spring Creek Church will go full time October 1st and at which time we hope to have completed our Sunday School Rooms in the basement. We, also, hope by this fall to have installed a Baptistery and a water system to take care of same. The church owns a 20 acre plot of ground adjoining the church on which is located the pastor's home. We have 6 acres of this land planted in cotton that we work on a cooperative basis for the exclusive use of the church and its program. Brother Ivor Clark has been pastor of Spring Creek and Coldwater Churches and under his leadership both churches have built pastor's homes.

After the 1st of October, Spring Creek will go full time and has extended a call to Brother Clark to be our pastor and the church is awaiting his acceptance of the call. No doubt, Coldwater church will go full time since they have just completed a pastor's home. If Brother Clark accepts the work at Spring Creek, Coldwater will be in need of a pastor. Just whether they propose to go full time or not I do not know. In the event they do not go full time in all likelihood some other church will form a field with Coldwater and have the pastor to live on the field.

Just thought I would give you this information to let you know that Neshoba County Association is making progress all along the line.

With kindest regards — I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

W. D. Cole"

IV

On Wednesday evening we journeyed out to Northside Baptist Church, Jackson, to speak at the Prayer Meeting hour. We were amazed at the size and loveliness of the house of worship resting on one of the highest hills in the City. Brother

## Youth Revival Preacher



MAURICE CLAYTON

Maurice Clayton, of New Albany, a 1948 graduate of Mississippi College, is preaching in the Youth Revival Crusade in Mississippi this summer.

Compere was away evangelizing, but a good congregation assembled for the Prayer Service. Here we have one of the great pastors and great churches of the State.

V

Mr. Lester Ray, Jr. from Charleston Baptist Church was in the Baptist Building with a group of boys. We were happy to have them and hope they will come again. The group included Johnny Sanders, George Kernodle, Charles E. Simpson, David Cook, Joe Burnett, Joe Dean Mitchell, Joe Wolfe, Bobby Cole, Jerry Neely, Dossie Shook, Bobby Pritchard, and Bob Hall.

VI

"He who steals my purse, steals trash, but he who filches from me my good name, steals that which not enriches him and makes me poor indeed."

Mississippi Baptists have experienced during seven or eight years Christian fellowship and unity in life and work that have been unsurpassed. They created a name along that line for the glory of Christ.

WHOEVER ROBS MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS OF THAT FELLOWSHIP AND HARMONY STEALS A VALUE GREATER THAN MONEY.

One of the most spiritual pastors we know, born in another state, serving for several years as pastor in our state, and now serving in a third state, writes as follows: "I have never experienced a greater Christian fellowship anywhere that equaled that of Mississippi. The fellowship of Mississippi preachers is the warmest and finest I have known. Our preachers here are not as close to one another as I would like to see. We have mighty fine pastors. They love the Lord, but we are not closely tied together."

In the same mail comes a letter from one of our finest Mississippi pastors who has served in other states and in this letter he extols the fine fellows'hip and spirit of harmony he has known in our Mississippi Baptist life.

These two letters coming in the same mail greatly impressed us with the hunger of our people for the practicing of the very spirit of Christ and a greater appreciation for such when they find it.

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Neely Memorial Church, Union County, recently ordained the following men as deacons: Sidney Turner, Hubert Hall, and Spence Walker, according to Mrs. John Neely. Rev. Frank Cox is pastor.

# GO TO CHURCH



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## The Sinner's Doom

"And these shall go away into  
everlasting punishment: but the  
righteous into life eternal." (Matt.  
25:46).

A person's eternal destiny is de-  
termined by his decisions. He  
chooses God or the devil. There is  
no repentance beyond the grave.  
There is no such thing as a second  
chance. If we die lost, we stay lost.  
If we die saved, we stay saved. "He  
that believeth not shall be  
damned."

He is lost to love, for there is no  
love in hell. Lack of love is the  
cause for hell's being inhabited.

He is lost to mercy. Hell knows  
no mercy. Satan laughs at our  
weaknesses and scorns our cry for  
mercy.

He is lost to hope, for beyond the  
grave there is no hope for the un-  
saved.

He is lost to happiness, for there  
is no happiness in hell. The only  
report from hell was a bad one.  
Abraham could offer no hope, not  
even a drop of water to the rich  
man in hell.

He is lost to heaven, for heaven  
is God's prepared place for God's  
prepared people.

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## Unsought Obligation

Christians have an obligation for  
which they did not seek. It is the  
duty to "speak out" on trends that  
ought to be condemned. The writer  
quoted below expresses it well!

Popularizing by Repetition

Civilization (so-called) is now well  
along on the road toward an almost  
COMPLETE POPULARIZING OF VUL-  
GARITY. There is a subtle fact, name-  
ly: That which is repeated over and  
over (and by those who, for one rea-  
son of another are admired), ulti-  
mately receives majority approval.  
How well the leaders of this sinful  
age know how to take advantage of  
this human frailty!

By this process of congering by re-  
petition, PEOPLE, WHO WERE FORM-  
ERLY ORDINARILY CAREFUL, HAVE  
BEEN induced TO DO AND SAY THAT  
which they PREVIOUSLY DISAP-  
PROVED. They are made to feel that  
somehow, they have thereby thrown

off an old shackle. It is thought of as  
a kind of new liberty. In the human  
heart there is a natural rebellion  
against restrictions.

Comedians, and even comedien-  
nes are now pushing borderland vulgarity  
into their radio scripts. Once in a  
while their gags are more than border-  
land—some of them would defrost an  
electric icebox with the motor still  
running. Of course, there are always  
those who will laugh. A well-told, sug-  
gestive joke sets the studio audience  
to roaring. At least it sounds that way.  
(The radio will not broadcast a blush).  
THE LAUGHTER SUGGESTS THAT  
THIS KIND OF ENTERTAINMENT IS  
QUITE THE THING, THEN, CHILD-  
RE HEARIN GIT (AND MAY GOD  
FORGIVE US, THE GROWNUPS, TOO)  
go out to try it on others. Soon, the  
new liberty is in full swing.

MORAL LETDOWNS OF WHAT-  
EVER NATURE, DO NOT ORDINARI-  
LY come in AT OUR FRONT GATES,  
OR EVEN AT THE BACK. They find  
a place where we carelessly have let  
a piling come loose on our moral  
fences. Then, first thing we know, the  
Devil is playing around in our yards.—  
The Western Recorder.

Are true Christian people con-  
scientiously justified in helping  
promote this sort of thing? How  
far will they be unconsciously IN-  
FLUENCED, just as the writer  
says?

—BR—

## Some Things Baptists Can Do

In these days of turmoil, ru-  
mors, revolution, starvation and  
general uneasiness, people are jit-  
tery. When we see the world in a  
cold war, or on the brink of a  
fighting war, it is discouraging.  
Many are wondering if we have  
gained anything by the supreme  
sacrifices that have been made.

In the midst of all that causes so  
much confusion, there are some  
things that Baptists can do.

First: we can make much of  
God's word. Regardless of con-  
ditions and confusion, God has  
a word for every situation. The  
trouble is that so many Christians  
pay more attention to the comics  
and to the crime news than they do  
to God's word. We need to keep up  
with the world but we also need  
to make much of the Word and  
however worried and weary we  
may be there is nothing more rest-  
ful for one of God's children than  
to read from God's word.

Second: we need to obey the  
command, "Be ye separate." There  
is too much mixing of Christians  
and the world. Too many people  
whose names are on church books,  
don't seem to be different from  
people whose names are on the  
Devil's books. We need to keep  
ourselves unspotted from the  
world. God's people need to be  
different. Daniel was different and  
the world has honored him for it.

Recently we were on the diner  
of an Illinois Central train. Across  
the aisle from us was seated a

young man and a middle-aged  
man. We were not eavesdropping  
but neither did we put cotton in  
our ears. Naturally we overheard  
some of the conversation. The  
elder man took a flask from his  
pocket and offered the young man  
a drink. The young man in a kind  
way refused and explained that  
he did not drink at all. Regardless  
of the claims of the Devil's crowd,  
the drinking man honored the  
young man for his stand and said  
to him:

"Young man, you're doing right  
and if you will stick to your deci-  
sion you will be better off physi-  
cally and financially. I wish I  
had never touched a drop."

Although both men were well-  
dressed and looked prosperous the  
older man insisted that he should  
pay for the other man's supper. I  
was thankful for one young man  
who stood for something.

God's work would prosper more  
and God's people would count for  
more if Christians would stand  
for their profession and refuse to  
indulge in the things that compro-  
mise. In case of doubt, "don't."

Third: Quit robbing God. Too  
many Christians are tipping God  
but not paying Him. When one  
employs a person to do some-  
thing and he does it, he will not  
be satisfied with a small tip; he  
expects the wages due him. God  
commands us to bring more than  
the tithe into the storehouse. There  
is no command to give less than  
the tenth, and the Christians who  
pay the tenth do prosper material-  
ly and spiritually. The reason that  
many Christians have all kinds of  
trouble is because they are break-  
ing God's law. But be reminded  
that we do not break laws, we  
break ourselves.

Fourth: In these days when  
compromises, modernism and un-  
ionism seem to be the popular  
thing with many, let Baptists,  
"Earnestly contend for the faith  
which was once delivered unto the  
saints." When one compromises  
on any part of the Book, he will  
sooner or later compromise on all  
of it. God's people and God's  
preachers need to contend for the  
eternal truths of the Book.

These four things, while not all  
that Baptists can do, are things  
that will make for better churches  
and better Baptists.

—BR—

## Pleads For Devotion

Is family worship too old fashioned  
for America? Are we afraid of being  
called a peculiar people? How many  
church members have time for pri-  
vate Bible study and prayer regular-  
ly each day as they do for their daily  
meals? Can America afford to treat  
God's Word and the great privilege  
God has given us, prayer, so lightly  
and expect God's blessings?

Christ said, "Without Me ye can  
do nothing." (John 15:5) Are Chris-

tian soldiers going to let the greatest  
weapon of all times, the Bible, lie  
under a coat of dust while the world  
totters under the threat of atomic  
warfare? What a mighty army if every  
church in America and the world  
would organize "World Peace and  
Good Will Circles", in which every one  
pledges and does give God the fellow-  
ship He expects in his daily life.  
Pledging to begin and close each day  
with Bible reading and prayer in  
family worship if possible, and 15 min-  
utes to private devotions. In this way  
strength would be gained to meet the  
requirements of John 15:7

(Editor's Note: The above let-  
ter from a lay member in our  
state presents a challenge to the  
Christian and points the way to  
powerful testimony in living.)

—BR—

## Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we  
consider one of the best editorials  
coming to our attention.—  
Editor.

## Drink Caused It All

I have an idea that if I were teach-  
ing a Sunday school class on May 30  
—when we Baptists are studying the  
evils of liquor—that I would toss away  
the prepared material and draw upon  
some experiences of nearly 20 years  
in the newspaper business.

"I'll never forget that night in the  
"death house" at the Tennessee peni-  
tentiary. Behind the two sets of bars  
were three young men who before  
daylight walked that "last mile" to the  
electric chair. Their heads had been  
shaved and their trouser legs slit so  
that the electrodes could send the  
deadly current through their bodies.

I remember asking why they had  
killed the sheriff. They said something  
about a "thrill ride" after they had  
gotten drunk one night, a robbery and  
then being trapped by officers and  
shooting their way out.

Liquor was responsible for Tennes-  
see executing those three men hardly  
out of their teens. I talked with near-  
ly a score of men in "death row" dur-  
ing three years with the AP in Nash-  
ville and with but one exception every  
one of them blamed whiskey for their  
downfall.

I remember, too, the night I was  
standing in front of Union Station  
there during a rain and saw a drunk  
walking toward me on the sidewalk.  
He started across the street. There  
was the silent slipping of automobile  
tires on the wet pavement and then  
the crash as his body was pitched 30  
feet or more through the air. The  
police preferred no charges against the  
driver—the pedestrian was drunk and  
the crushed bottle was in his pocket.

Then, there was the night in the  
emergency room of the hospital as  
doctors worked over the mangled body  
of a young man I knew. Three others  
—two of them unconscious—were on  
stretchers outside waiting their turn.  
They had "one or two drinks" and  
started home in an automobile. The  
one I knew survived but he has a  
horrible scar on his face and an un-  
dersized jaw to remind him of that  
night.

But my memory is not altogether of  
the electric chair, and automobile  
crashes. There also are the mental  
and physical wrecks—victims of liquor.

There was the sports columnist for  
a press service who had reached the  
(Continued on Page Five)



## Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson  
Young People's Sec'y. — Miss Nell Taylor

### NOXUBEE ASSOCIATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

Mrs. O. U. Jones the Superintendent, writes of the splendid program as planned by Mrs. R. D. Pearson, young people's leader. There were 123 present — 83 young people! The meeting was held at Mashulaville.

In the same letter Mrs. Jones sent a copy of a recent Royal Service Program in the Macon W. M. S. The Program Chairman, Mrs. Sledge, had planned well; the program was printed — the Business Woman's Circle was present for the meeting. She speaks with enthusiasm about the July issue of appearance!

### SOUTHWIDE Y.W.A. CAMP RIDGECREST, NORTH CAROLINA ENROUTE

Thirty five Mississippi Y. W. A.'s journeyed to the "land of the sky" June 17-23. The majority of the group traveled by special bus, stopping at points of interest in Ala., Tenn., Ga., and N. C. Missions-in-action was witnessed at the Indian Reservation, Cherokee, N. C., as the group interviewed the new missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Ewell Paynes, who have already had 38 baptisms in the 2 months on the field. Of special interest on the return trip was the visit to the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Georgia.

### CHURCH AND INDIVIDUALS

Fourteen churches were represented as follows: Clarksdale, First Margaret Cauthen and Wilma Horton; Greenville First, Dot Durham Anne Goodwin, Joy Anne Hearn, and Joan Townsend; Hattiesburg, Zion Hill, Joyce Elaine Dabbs; Jackson, First Sudie Bassett, Floyd Dale, Dossie Miller, and Elizabeth Smith; Jackson, Northside, (nurses from Baptist Hospital) Marie Watts and Helen Wells; Jackson, Calvary, Norma Shafer and Joan Sylvester; Magnolia, Terry's Creek, Johnnie Mae Slaton; Meridian, First, Jeffy Jane Aycok; Natchez, First, Mrs. H. B. Boutton, and Mrs. L. E. Skees; Newton, Barbara Kuyendall and Joyce McLaurin; Poplarville, Juniper and Joyce Grove, Estelle Smith and Mary Ella Smith; Tupelo, First, Halavee Anthony, Jere Ann Boyd, Emma Jane Holmes, Jane Kelly, Betty Joe Reaves, Sara Alice Renshaw, Sussie Smith, Mrs. H. R. Holcomb, and Mrs. Gene Holcomb; Tupelo, Harrisburg, Kathryn Maxcy, and Margaret Sharpe; Florence, Briar Hill, Nell Taylor.

### DELEGATION LEADERS

At the first State Meeting, the following leaders were chosen to direct the activities of the group during the days at camp:

President, Joan Sylvester, Jackson.

Recreational Leader, Bettie Joe Reaves, Tupelo.

"Window of Y. W. A." Representative, Emma Jane Holmes, Tupelo Treasurer, Joan Townsend, Greenville.

### CAMP SKETCHES

It's the People at camp who bring the Messages we carry home in our Hearts.

Miss Margaret Bruce, Southwide Young People's secretary, presided over the Vesper Services, though she does not officially assume her southwide responsibilities until September. Miss Juliette Mather, editorial secretary, directed this camp, concluding her 27 years of service as Young People's Secretary.

These things abide, as thoughts of Y. W. A. camp flash before the mind. . . Miss Margaret Applegarth, author and lecturer, breaking unto us the "bread of life" from Luke, using the topic "The Gospel According to 21 Women". . . Dr. Theron Rankin pouring out his missionary heart in the Sunday night service which resulted in scores of volunteers for Home and Foreign fields. . . Dr. Hugh Brimm shocking us into a determination to do something about the race problem at our own door. Miss Marjorie Moore world - mindedly reporting to us bits of news to keep us aware. . . Miss Adelia Rodriguez, reminding us to consider the feelings of her fellow Mexican-Americans, and give them a fair chance. . . Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, proclaiming "Mather's Day" and leading out in the presentation of the Lady Hamilton watch to Miss Juliette Mather as a loving expression from the entire Y. W. A. camp. . . Dr. Belo Udvarnoki giving thanks for the beam on which he stood to safety back in war - wrecked Hungary, and expressing his eagerness to return to his homeland. . . Miss Annie Rines, lovingly healing humanity's hurts as camp nurse even, as she heals with His help in Africa. Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Dozier radiantly beaming over their new station wagon from N. C. women and their Christian Flag from Y. W. A. camp, bidding farewell to American friends as they leave immediately for service in Japan. . . Miss Kate Ellen Gruver, fondly reporting on "her babies" in the Truett Home in Nazareth, making joyful plans for the use of the "Near East Mission" station wagon as she sails on July 19. . . Miss Miriam McCullough, directing recreation at camp and making last minute plans to go for the first time as our missionary to Mexico. . . Yes, these thoughts abide.

God moves across His world and touches hearts and hands to do His biddings. Y. W. A. Camp at Ridgecrest introduced us to those who were willing to answer, "Here am I, Lord, send me!" It caused us, further, to be better acquainted with this One who calls us into His service, and to be better prepared to answer His call to our own hearts and lives.

Nell Taylor, Young People's Secretary.

Shady Grove Church, Copiah County, is looking forward to a youth revival which begins July 18. Charles Tolbert, Mississippi College, is in charge of the revival. Leaders will be: Rev. Maurice Clayton, preacher; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bennet, chorister and pianist; and Miss Ewilda Trenor, soloist and general worker. Rev. Byran Simmons is pastor.

## CLASS IN COALBIN SHOWS EXTREME NEED AT CLARKE



The group above meeting in an old coalbin at Clarke College shows the extreme need of this school for additional space at once. Baptists of the state will rejoice in the news as given last week that plans are rapidly approaching for the breaking of ground for the first of the new units on this campus. Funds are drastically needed right now to have on hand enough to finish the proposed unit which will provide dining room and student activities space adjoining the dietitian's home. If there are churches who have money for the school, it should be stressed that the need is pressing right now, and the building committee urges that every dollar given be made available. It is not possible to emphasize this too much. The trustees cannot start any building until funds are available to complete it. This first unit will greatly relieve the pressure, and the distressing situation pictured above will not be necessary when it is completed.

Shown in the picture with Professor Harry Dayton, with back to the camera, in one of the classes as they met last session. The unfinished walls are evident. Among those in the picture are: Billy R. Greene, of Mobile, Ala.; Carmen Williams of Newton; Ben Hatfield of Gainesville, Ga.; Mrs. T. C. Blackwell of Port Arthur, Texas; Robert Nations of Hazlehurst; Earl Wilson of Memphis, Tenn.; Bryce Evans of Newton and others.

## Estabutchie Church Has Bible School

Estabutchie Church has completed their VBS with 33 enrolled and an average attendance of 31. The mission offering amounted to \$7.71.

The following were members of the faculty: beginner, Mrs. T. L. Curry, Mrs. R. L. Hadley; primary, Miss Minnie Holcomb, Mrs. J. D. Hinton; junior, Mrs. C. R. Odem, Mrs. B. V. Walton; intermediate, Rev. J. P. Holcomb, pastor. Mrs. Daniel C. Holcomb was the school principal.

### DRINK CAUSED IT ALL (Continued from Page Four)

top of his profession. He had been fighting liquor for years—and he was losing the fight. It cost him his home and then his job. He died a couple of years ago—not in his prime, for whiskey had ruined him.

I remember, too, the managing editor of a large city newspaper and a cartoonist on another. Each was considered tops in his field. Whiskey got them. They are trying now to make a comeback at salaries about half of what they once drew.

I wouldn't want to overlook the story of the former supreme court justice who took his own life. I didn't know him. The preacher who did wrote a beautiful tribute to the man he once WAS. "The man who died in the rain and cold that November morning," said the preacher, "was all that was left after liquor GOT THROUGH WITH HIM."

It would be dangerous but I might

## Van Winkle Church, Jackson, Has VBS

Van Winkle Church, Jackson, recently closed their VBS with an enrollment of 250, average attendance of 215. The mission offering of \$31.34 was sent to the Indians in Mississippi.

The following were members of the faculty: Mrs. Bill Lowe, principal; Mrs. A. E. Lee, Intermediate supt.; Mrs. Carl S. Clayton, Junior supt.; Mrs. L. N. Jacobs, Primary supt.; Mrs. J. O. Ward, Beginner supt. Misses Margaret Tisdale and Margaret A. Kersh were the pianists. Mrs. D. V. Galloway had charge of refreshments each day. Rev. H. A. Milner is pastor.

close with a description of some now trodding that sure road to self-destruction. I could name them and unless they change their ways they will be "men of extinction" within the next 10 years.

I'll admit that my years in the newspaper business gave me some eyewitness stories that you may not duplicate. Yet, if you'll stop and think, you can come up with an impressive array of your own.

I believe they could mean more in a Sunday school lesson than a lot of statistics, a lot of second-hand illustrations as good as they might be.—CHRISTIAN INDEX.

Rev. Leonard Smith, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will preach during the revival meeting at Poplar Springs Church, Copiah County, which begins August 1, according to J. H. Purvis, church clerk. Rev. Sammy Crawford is pastor.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary --- FAUL D. BOOTHE, Asso. Secretary  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary  
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary



The above picture is that of the Primary Department of the Vacation Bible school at Bethel church, Pearl River county.

The pastor, Rev. S. J. Rhodes, says: "One of the outstanding features of the school was the presentation of the Cooperative Program by the Primary department. The picture shows the display table, on which is shown every phase of the Cooperative Program. This work was kept before this department every day of the school. They helped to make the buildings and pictures, and had the work explained to them."

"All the Mission offering of the school," says Brother Rhodes, "went to the Cooperative Program. The Primary department, with 32 per cent of the total enrolment of the school, gave 48 per cent of the total Mission offering."

This is simply another illustration of the value of repeated emphasis on any subject, and that the eye-gate is an important factor in teaching.

### Offerings to Cooperative Program

We hope our Vacation Bible schools will give their Mission offerings to the Cooperative Program. By so doing we are teaching our children to have a financial part in all the objects of Baptist work.

Of course, any school can designate the offering to any object desired, but we feel there is great value in teaching our people about all of our causes, and that in this way these boys and girls not only hear about the work but can actually make an offering to every part of it.

### Another New School

Calhoun Associational Missionary Rev. Carmon Savell, reports a new Sunday school at New Hope church. It is a new church, organized in June of 1947.

They have built a new house, with five rooms, and it was dedicated on May 30 of this year.

Every new Sunday school means more people in Bible study. Mississippi might well have scores of new schools to reach the great numbers not yet enrolled.

We thank Brother Savell and the people of New Hope for this forward step, and wish them every success in this important work.

Mr. Robert Freely is the superintendent.

### Hattiesburg First Ranks High

While at Ridgecrest the week of June 24-30, information was given out on Sunday school training awards for the first eight months of this Sun-

day school year.

Hattiesburg First church is seventh among all the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention in the total number of Sunday school training awards for the first eight months of this Sunday school year.

Hattiesburg First Church is seventh among all the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention in the total number of Sunday school training awards for that period.

When it is remembered that Southern Baptists have about twenty-six thousand churches, and many of them have very large memberships, this is a record that all of us can be proud of.

So, Hattiesburg First, we salute you! Congratulations!

Dr. W. A. Bell is the pastor of this fine church and Mrs. Rhea G. Smith is the very capable and aggressive Superintendent of Training.

Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, is in the high 25 churches in Sunday school training. Dr. John E. Barnes is pastor, Mr. M. A. Mayo, Supt., and Mr. S. C. Ray is the Education Director.

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## Foxworth Church Has Bible School

Foxworth Church, Marion County, has closed their VBS which was one of the finest schools in the history of the church. There were 109 enrolled.

The following were members of the faculty: Rev. E. L. Howell, principal, Mrs. E. L. Howell, Mrs. W. W. Carney, Rev. F. O. Lewis, Mrs. Gaston Beard, Mrs. Van Davis, Mrs. Archie Morgan, Mrs. Clarence Thornhill, Miss Wanda Faye Forbes, Miss Donnice Mullins, Mrs. R. E. Abernathy, Mrs. John Mikell, Mrs. F. O. Lewis, Miss Virginia Lowe, and Miss Neita Rhea Ford. Rev. E. L. Howell is pastor.

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## Forest Church Enrolls 185 in VBS

Forest Church recently completed the finest VBS ever held at the church. There were 185 enrolled, with an average attendance of 149.

The school was under the leadership of Dr. L. E. Smith, Pastor, and Mrs. W. R. Cain, Principal. The school got off to a great start on Enrollment Day with a colorful parade over town and closed with an impressive Commencement Service, after which the handwork for the week was displayed, according to Mrs. Peggy Mapp, church secretary.



## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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JOYCE SAXON

Joyce Saxon, of Mississippi Southern, is the new State BSU Devotional Chairman. Please pray for her.

### POTPOURRI

"Every member of the team did splendidly and we feel the results will be far reaching. This was our first experience in this type of work and we believe it is a grand thing for any church to sponsor." Thus writes Pastor Louis Ward Stanger, of Walnut, concerning their recent Youth Revival. . . . Brother William P. Davis, Pastor at Hollandale, reports 47 dedications to Christ during their Youth Revival. He says of the team, "It is a joy to commend them to you as among the best of Mississippi's finest young people." . . . Mr. William Hall Preston

and Frances Bibb both have informed us that Frances is working at Maui in the Hawaiian Islands. . . . One student joined the Blue Mt. church last month and 13 students participated in mission Sunday School work. . . . Thirty-five was the average attendance at East Central's daily prayer meeting last month. Two joined the Decatur church during June. . . . Clarke College deserves the financial support of every Miss. Baptist because it is dedicated to the task of helping to produce thoroughly Christian leaders for this desperately misled world. . . . Frances Barbour explains what is meant by "Godly Exercise" by saying it includes: 1. "The bent-knee exercise" or prayer; 2. "The bent-neck exercises," or Bible reading; and, 3. "The chin-exercises," or the habit of witnessing for Christ. . . . "You will rejoice to know that the way has opened up for the young men to go to San Andres," writes Mr. Preston. There was some doubt, during Ridgecrest-time, whether they would get to — we are thankful they now can. . . . Dot Lee Jefferson writes from Delta State, "On the last Sunday in July, the BSU is to be in charge of both services. . . . We are really looking forward (and this goes for me, too) to having the Convention here. . . . Recently, for several days, daily peregrinations have taken this Secretary to the Junior R. A. Camp at Camp Garaywa where we had the privilege of teaching a mission Study book where we were again reminded to thank God for the work the WMU is doing out there."



## Department of Church Music

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### SCHOOLS FOR JULY 19-23

During the week of July 19-23 there will be schools of music held at West Salem Baptist Church, Richton, Mississippi with Miss Betty Riley teaching; continuation of a two-week school at Mossville Baptist Church, Dodds-ville, Mississippi, with Miss Lillian West teaching; and one at Sardis Baptist Church, Hazlehurst, Mississippi with Miss Jean Parker teaching.

### DISTRICT FOUR HYMN PLAYING CONTEST

The Hymn Playing Contest for District Four was held at Calvary Baptist Church Tupelo, Mississippi, Sunday afternoon, June 27 with "a better attendance than last year" says Rev. Robert Palmer, Director for District Four. Bro. Palmer, who was in charge of the festival, sent in the following results of the contest:

**Ages 9-10** Nancy Garner, Osborne Creek Church, Booneville, Mississippi (1st place).

**Ages 11-12** Anita Louise Neely, First Baptist Church, Tupelo, Mississippi (1st place).

Gay Oakley, Wheeler Baptist Church, Wheeler, Mississippi (2nd place).

**Ages 13-14** Nancy Anderson, Boone-

ville Baptist Church, Booneville (1st place).

**Ages 15-16** Betty Jane Smith, Wheeler Baptist Church, Wheeler (1st place).

Janie Branyan, Saltillo Baptist Church, Saltillo (2nd place).

Bro. Palmer also reports that "in our training union district there were several more ensembles entered and several more to place for the state convention than last year."

As Music Director of District Four Bro. Palmer is doing an excellent job and our Department commends him highly for his success. We are truly thankful for his interest and cooperation in this phase of the Kingdom Work.

The results of the Training Union Ensemble contests held in the individual Training Union conventions will appear in the column of the Baptist Training Union Department.

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Only as each small community cleans up, can the nation become clean. Reverence for moral integrity must be restored in public office. This will never be done by those who do not possess moral integrity. It must be done by honest, Christian men and women. . . . Maxie C. Collins in *The Baptist Student*.



### DANIEL MEMORIAL VBS



#### Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, Has VBS

Splendid cooperation on the part of all concerned and an enrolment of 280 made outstanding in Vacation Bible School at the Daniel Baptist church. There was an average attendance of 212. Seventy three adults and young people served on the faculty, and committees.

The following served: Rev. Wayne E. Todd, Principal; Clinton Smith, Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. Todd, Secretary; Mrs. A. B. Fortenberry, Treasurer; Mrs. T. C. Brown, Pianist; Mrs. A. Y. Williams, Chairman, Transportation Committee; Mrs. Clinton Smith, Chairman, Refreshment Committee; Mrs. W. H. Slaymaker, Nursery superintendent, Mrs. Charles Wall, Mrs. G. G. Brock, Mrs. W. B. Yarbrough, Beginner Superintendents; Mrs. C. A. Rooker, Primary Superintendent; Mrs. Albert Mangum, Junior Superintendent and Miss Louise Cartledge, Intermediate Superintendent.

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#### Holly Springs Has Great Campaign

First Church, Holly Springs, has recently closed a ten weeks loyalty campaign. A novelty idea that they used, one that increased the interest, was that of using a miniature church building, a reproduction of their church, with a window representing each department. Each Sunday during the campaign that a department reached a 75 per cent standard, that department could light the candle in its window.

Results of the campaign were an average attendance for Sunday School of 209, Training Union attendance increased 20 per cent, Brotherhood attendance almost doubled, increase in WMU and all young people's auxiliaries. There were 23 additions to the church and 7 rededications of lives.

One church-wide social was held, a Training Union revival, a Sunday School study course, a city-wide youth revival and a VBS with 164 enrolled. Rev. Howard H. Aultman is pastor.

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#### TERRY'S CREEK CHURCH HAS STUDY COURSE

Under the direction of Pastor G. E. Wells, Terry's Creek Church has had one of the best study courses in the history of the church.

Rev. Marvin Magee taught the Adults, "Honoring the Deaconship;" Mrs. Edsel Stewart taught the Intermediates and Young People, "Training in Church Membership;" Mrs. Willie McDaniel and Mrs. Eli McElveen taught the Juniors, "Bible Heroes."

At the close of the study course, a fellowship hour was enjoyed during which ice cream was served to everyone present, according to Mts. Ed Stevenson, church reporter

#### Richland Church Has Revival and VBS

Richland Church, Rankin County, has recently completed two successful weeks. The first was their VBS with 130 enrolled, 2 professions, and a mission offering of \$20 which was sent to Dr. R. C. McGlamery, medical missionary to Columbia.

Edgar Misterfeldt is superintendent of Sunday School and Mrs. Henry Misterfeldt was principal of the school. The following workers assisted them: Mrs. M. H. Pope, Bobby Nell Scarbrough, Mrs. Ted Hannon, Mrs. W. D. Viverette, Mrs. W. P. Harper, Mrs. Alvy Butler, Mrs. Charles Bridges, Mrs. W. W. Harris, Mrs. W. W. Pearson, Dot Denman, Helen Neely, and Vivian Steen.

#### HOMECOMING AT PAUL CHURCH, TALLAHATCHIE

Paul Baptist Church, Tallahatchie County, will observe homecoming day August 1. All former members, pastors, and friends are invited. A history of the church will be given by Sam Cox, senior deacon.

Their revival will begin on this day with Pastor Charles C. Magee preaching and Dodds Douglas, of Clinton, leading the singing.

Following the VBS, they had their summer revival with Rev. A. L. Gatewood, pastor at Itta Bena, preaching and Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor at Southside, Jackson, leading the singing. There were 14 additions to the church, 7 by baptism. Rev. Charles L. Phipps is pastor.

## "That the World May Know . . ."

That the world may know Christ! That 600 Foreign Missionaries, 600 Home Missionaries, 100 State Missionaries may be supported in telling His story! That 1,600 college students, 250 ministerial students and over 2,000 Seminary students may be trained! That around 200 orphans a year and the sick and suffering of the hospitals may be cared for! That much more may be done in the Name of Christ!

Mississippi Baptists have for the stated month given of their substance and it has been used as follows:

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR MAY, 1948

Receipts	
Co-operative Program Receipts	\$ 41,133.62
Distribution as follows:	
To be paid in June	
Southwide Causes	\$ 15,204.02
State Missions	9,122.41
Christian Education	9,122.41
Baptist Orphanage	2,280.60
Ministerial Education	950.25
Radio	570.15
Baptist Foundation	380.10
Baptist Hospital	380.10
	\$ 38,010.04
Receipts for Designated Objects	22,800.60
Home Mission Week of Prayer Gifts	
Received during May	5,750.31
Baptist Record Receipts	5,902.29
Relief and Annuity Pastors and Churches	4,174.74
Relief and Annuity Widows Supplement	131.07
Baptist Building Maintenance	499.75
Sunday School Board	663.45
Relief and Annuity Board, refund on expense	97.53
Miscellaneous	142.14

Disbursements	
Preaching and Promotion	\$ 3,123.58
Distribution of April Co-operative Program:	
Receipts paid in May	
Southwide Causes	\$ 24,722.90
Christian Education	13,161.65
Baptist Orphanage	3,708.44
Ministerial Education	1,545.18
Baptist Foundation	618.07
Baptist Hospital	618.07
	44,374.31
Received for Designated Objects during April, paid in May	\$ 60,368.25
Home Mission Week of Prayer Gifts received during April, paid in May	20,046.10
Baptist Record Expense	4,745.27
Relief and Annuity Board for payments from Churches and Pastors received in April	4,453.14
Baptist Building Expense (Janitors, Utilities, Etc.)	583.25
State Missions (Allocations)	
R & A 2/3 Pastors Dues	\$ 1,300.44
R & A Board Employees	235.40
Temperance Department	664.23
B. T. U. Department	1,120.50
Sunday School Department	1,053.33
Evangelism	300.00
B. S. U. Department	594.56
Brotherhood Department	628.84
Music Department	165.15
Institutional Department	371.04
W. M. U. Department	1,238.57
R & A Office Expense	216.95
Pastoral Aid	877.44
Church Building Aid	2,100.00
Colleges BSU	1,189.43
Associational Missions	1,224.94
Board and Ex. Committee	57.77
Royal Ambassador Work	150.63
Negro Work WMU	156.61
Soldier Work	100.00
Youth Revival	81.46
	14,010.62
Returned Checks	15.57
Mississippi Baptist Seminary	1,206.46
W. M. U. Camp Maintenance	1,743.70
W. M. U. Camp Building	180.00
Total Disbursements in May	\$154,836.65
Cash in Bank May 31	
Jackson State	\$153,843.25
Capital National	17,673.76
	171,517.01
	\$326,353.66

Total Receipts for May	\$1,275.47
Cash in Bank May 1	
Jackson State	\$140,274.92
Capital National	104,803.27
	245,078.19
	\$326,353.66

"Every Baptist A Soul-Winner"  
"Every Baptist A Tither!"

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### Young People who will speak at State Training Union Convention

It is interesting to know that there were seven boys and eight girls who won first place in the district convention better speaking tournament. These fifteen will be eligible to speak at our State Training Union Convention that meets December 28th at First Baptist Church, Jackson: Billie Smith, Ecu; Curtis Greenhill, Mt. Olive, Prentiss Co.; Sammy Platt, Columbus; Effie Lynn Allen, Louns-ville; Billy J. Gamillion, New Ireland, Newton, Co.; Winnie Fay Walford, Rocky Creek, George Co.; Clara Sellers, 28th Ave. Hattiesburg; Mrs. Dan Thompson, Ebenezer, Jeff Davis Co.; Reece Kyzar, Pleasant Hill Lincoln Co.; Terry Hatchett, Clinton; Damon Vaughn, East Side, Rankin Co.; Doris Hawk, Second, Yazoo City; Una Fletcher, First Greenwood; Marjorie McQueen, East Greenville; Travis Luncford, Sardis. Note that these young people represent all types of churches, rural, six of them from rural churches small town with only one Baptist church, four from such churches, and five from town or city with more than one Baptist church.

### Intermediate Sword Drill winners in District Conventions

Twenty two Intermediates qualified to represent their districts at the State Sword Drill this winter. Of this 22, eight are boys and fourteen girls. We are happy to give their names here: Marjorie Norman, New Albany; James Robert Waters, Toxish, Pontotoc, Co.; Jane Kelly 1st Tupelo; Glen Mathis, Baldwin; Lavern Sanders, Oldtown, Calhoun Co.; Evans Broadfoot, Shuqualak; Richard Smith, Poplar Springs, Lauderdale, Co.; Joe Thomas Odle, 1st Gulfport; Danna Stone, 1st Gulfport; Nadine Dunway, East McComb; Mary Ruth Magee, Crystal Springs, Walthall Co.; David Strebeck, Salen, Covington Co.; Dorothy Hartness, Calvary Jackson; Katie Harrison, Lake; Jerry Breazeale, Brandon; Martha McMaster, Second, Yazoo City; Sylvia Strickland, First Greenwood; W. A. Shurden, Calvary Greenwood; Elizabeth Goodwin, 1st Greenville; Jack Tripp, Belzoni; Charles Ferrell, Good Hope, Panola, Co.; Johnnie Faye Tackitt, Lyon.

One of the boys and one of the girls in the young people's speaking tournament will receive a \$100.00 scholarship each, the girl from Blue Mountain College and the boy from Mississippi College. The one, boy or girl, who wins first place will represent Mississippi at the Southwide Speakers Tournament in Ridgcrest in 1949. One of these 22 Intermediates will represent Mississippi in the Southwide Sword Drill at the 1949 Ridgcrest Assembly.

Oktibbeha Co. has unique study course for association officers on Monday July 5th Rev. Harry Borrah, Oktibbeha Co. Associational Director called a meeting of the officers for the purpose of studying the Associational Training Union Manual. The plan was unique in that all the officers had a part in teaching the book. Each officer was to discuss that applied to his or her particular work. All officers were present except the Associate Director and Junior Leader. It was the privilege of your secretary to be in this meeting and enjoy fellowship with this

fine corps of officers, and to enter into the discussion. The meeting was held at Adaton church. This being the 4th (5th) of July the church carried out an annual custom of having a church picnic dinner. This was served on the lawn of pastor and Mrs. C. S. Mullins, and the associational officers with their visitor were invited to share in this friendly gathering. It was a wonderful meal and grand occasion. This association will no doubt be one of our Standard associations this year.

### JACKSON COUNTY SCORES AGAIN IN ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

The recent meeting of the Jackson Co. Associational Training Union enlisted an attendance of 220 of which 17 were preachers. When our pastors can arrange their schedule to be in these meetings it always assures a good attendance of the others. Somehow people will follow their pastor. Bellfountain won the efficiency banner with a grade of 90, and they also took the percentage banner having EVERY MEMBER of their union present at the meeting. Calvary Pascagoula won the attendance banner with 53 percent, they also won the mileage banner. Rev. Wallace Harrell, Associational Missionary and also Training Union Director is rejoicing, and we rejoice with him.

All churches and associations should make a note of the place and date of the 1949 District Conventions. They appeared in the last two issues of the Baptist Record. If you failed to check the date for your district, we will be glad to give you that information upon request. We hope Every Church will let that date be an OPEN date for next year so the pastor and all members of the church can attend this helpful and inspiring meeting in each of our fifteen districts.

**Congratulations to Lake—Two weeks ago Mrs. Greenoe represented the State Training Union Department and led in a study course at Lake. There were 25 present in the Training Union Sunday night, on Monday night there were 37 present, Tuesday 48, Wednesday 45 and Thursday 63. The Training Union was completely re-organized, goals set for a progress future, and a cordial word of thanks and appreciation sent to the department for cooperating with them in their plans for a better training program in the church.**

If I didn't belong to the First Baptist Training Union I'd join. This is copied from the Holland Baptist Church, William P. Davis pastor.

### Church Youth To Boycott Movies With Drinking Scenes

PORTLAND, Ore. —(RNS)— Seventy-six young people of the Sellwood Methodist church here have adopted a resolution pledging themselves not to attend any motion picture showing drinking or dissolute behavior.

The resolutions said: "Believing that the portrayal of drinking and of dissolute behavior upon the screen is detrimental to the morals of our people and especially to youth, we, the undersigned, pledge ourselves not to attend any moving picture that we have reason to believe contains such objectionable scenes."

## JOHN FLOWERS ORDAINED FULL GOSPEL MINISTRY



JOHN W. FLOWERS

John W. Flowers, who has been serving as pastor of the Shady Grove church in Lincoln county, was ordained to the full gospel ministry on July 2. He had been examined by a presbytery at the Navilla Baptist church, and the council recommended that he be ordained. Those on this council were: Pastor Robert Hughes, moderator, Navilla; Rev. J. A. Terrell, McComb, clerk; Rev. Fred Bookter, Rev. E. C. Edwards, Rev. J. A. Bryant, Rev. R. R. Jones, Rev. Glen Smith of McComb, and Rev. W. W. Tipton of Fernwood, Navilla church had also licensed the young preacher some time ago. The church voted unanimously to ordain him.

Prayers were led by Zeno Coker, W. W. Tipton, Frank Cole and J. A. Bryant. Special music was given by Billie Phelps and Nell Speed.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Jones and Pastor Hughes led the ordination prayer. The charge to the candidate was made by Rev. Tipton, and the charge to the church by Rev. Bryant. Pastor Hughes presented the Bible.

After the laying on of hands the people extended good wishes and congratulations to the young minister. Many will join these in wishing for him a long and useful ministry.

### MRS. W. A. MILLER DIES Wife of Schlater Pastor

Mrs. Eulala Estes Miller, wife of Rev. William A. Miller, pastor at Schlater Church, died Friday afternoon, July 9, in the Baptist Hospital, Jackson, after an illness of a few days.

Mrs. Miller had been a resident of Schlater for the past four months. She formerly resided in Cullman, Ala., where she was born and reared.

Survivors are her husband, one son, William A. Jr., two daughters, Martha Ann and Mary Louise; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Estes, Cullman, and six brothers and three sisters.

The many friends of Rev. Miller sympathize with him in his great loss.

### CORINTH CHURCH, LAMAR HAS VBS AND REVIVAL

Corinth Church, Lamar County, recently closed their VBS with 40 enrolled. Pastor Troy Sumrall and daughter, Martha, were the teachers.

Rev. W. L. Yeatman, pastor at Runnelstown, was the preacher during their revival and Rev. Troy Sumrall led the singing. There were 4 additions.

## GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

### WINONA

While the pastor, Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III, vacationed in Virginia, I supplied for him on July 4. Contrary to predictions because of the holiday, the attendance was good at both services. There was one addition.

The church continues to make progress and Pastor Hamlett grows in the esteem of the Winona saints.

Record readers in Montgomery County are now listed as follows: Bethlehem 23; Duckhill 29; Eskridge 1; Hays Creek 29; Kilmichael 75; Mulligan Spring 26; Mulberry 9; Poplar Springs 1; Scotland 34; Shiloh 8; Stewart 10; Winona 168.

### MANY CHURCHES HELP

The Baptist Record is deeply grateful to White Sand Church, Jeff Davis County, for 23 additional names for their EVERY FAMILY list, sent in by Ezra Garner. Union Chapel of Chickasaw County, through Mrs. Jessie Earl Herndon, sent 7 additional names; and 2nd Church, Yazoo City, by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Hammett, sent in 20 names.

### ABBEVILLE

It is still true that, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof." A few months ago Rev. W. T. Darling, pastor at Abbeville, Lafayette County, had the Baptist Record sent on trial. The people liked the trial and the EVERY FAMILY plan has been adopted.

Most churches that do not have the Baptist Record as a part of their program would adopt it if they would give it a trial.

Lafayette County Record readers are now listed as follows: Antioch 12; Abbeville 55; Bethel 1; Clean Creek 41; DeLay 15; New Hope 2; New Prospect 50; Oxford 67; Paris 11; Shiloh 24; Taylor 14; Tula 2; Union West 32; Yellow Leaf 24; Philadelphia 16; Harmony 1.

### LOGTOWN IS NUMBER 913

Logtown is not a large church, but on a percentage basis, it gets as many Baptist Records as any; for it has adopted the EVERY FAMILY plan. A recent letter from Mrs. Forest Summers inclosed an EVERY FAMILY list from that good church.

Hancock County Record readers are now listed as follows: Bay St. Louis, 61; Kiln 2; Logtown 9; Pearlinton 1.

### J. M. JOHNSON

On April 19, 1948 John Johnson, age 79, died after a few weeks' illness in Jackson. He leaves a host of friends and loved ones to mourn his going.

Mr. Johnson came to Mississippi in 1900 from Pike County, Georgia, married in 1905, joined Greeland Baptist Church years ago, and remained a member until his death.

Be it Resolved: That we as members of Greeland Baptist Church bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

We know that it is impossible to sympathize completely and really share the burdens of the hearts of those loved ones left behind. We, too, were made sad by his going.

We realize that the Master has transferred to another field of service another worker. We, therefore, commend them to the greatest of all Comforters and express to them our heartfelt sympathy and love in this hour of sadness.

Committee:  
L. M. MUNN,  
J. B. GRUHETT,  
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Many an individual misses the great joy and thrill of life by refusing to commit life to Christ in service. . . Allen W. Magazine.



## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell  
Lesson for July 18

NAOMI, WOMAN OF FAITH. Ruth.

**I. The Purpose of the Lesson Committee.** The purpose of the lesson committee is to give us a chance during this quarter to study some of the less well known characters of the Bible. The ordinary people always make up the bulk of the population of the world and always do the bulk of the world's hard work. They also lend the largest effort to the performance of any work for God, anywhere or time. I am not at this moment striving to deprive the great of the world of one mite of the glory that is justly theirs, but I am joining with our lesson committee in an effort to pay just tribute to the ordinary common people who make the bulk of God's army of faithful ones today and every day.

I would pay deserved tribute to the ordinary preacher, the preacher of whom the world hears little, whose picture is not in the papers, whose name is not very frequently mentioned as his brethren converse about the work of the kingdom, the preacher who has few social obligations, who holds membership in few if any social, fraternal or luncheon clubs, who has no reputation to live up to in meetings of the associations or conventions, who has nothing to do but just work for God, who delights in God's command and loves to be guided by the light of God's eye and to be led by His Almighty hand. Let us look in the book of Ruth for this seldom mentioned character, Naomi the faithful.

**II. Naomi's Trials.** See how they began! Her husband, Elimelech, seems to have been a man in search of greener valleys, and, in this case, little wonder that he was. He lived in Bethlehem, a word that means "House of Bread," and that little city was smitten by a famine. In the face of a lack of bread, Elimelech left the house of bread and journeyed with his family to the land of Moab, a plateau lying east and northeast of the Dead sea, a plateau 3,000 ft. above the surface of the Mediterranean and 4,300 ft. above the surface of the eDad Sea. And Naomi went with him. What else was she to do? The wrench of parting from life-long friends and of taking up residence in a strange country and among total strangers is always greater in the case of a woman than of a man. But Naomi, as millions of other good wives have done, did that. Why, her husband's right arm was her tower of strength and her husband's love for her was her guarantee of provision against all threat of need.

But misfortune struck, and her husband was gone, a second and a third time, and both her sons were gone, and she was left alone. Who was it said, "Of the sexes, woman is the weaker; of women, old women are the most feeble; of old women, widows are most woeful; of widows, those that are poor, their plight most pitiful; of poor widows, those who want children, their case most doleful; of widows that want children, those that once had them and afterwards lost them, their estate most desolate; of widows that have had children, those that are strangers in a foreign country, their condition most comfortless. All these met in Naomi, as in the centre of sorrow, to make the measure of her misery pressed down, shaken together,

## Texas Baptists Plan Ten Million Budget

DALLAS Texas —(BP)— \$10,000,000 budget for Texas Baptist in 1949 has been approved by the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

This budget is an increase of 150 per cent over the \$4,000,000 budget in operation during 1948. It will be recommended to the Convention at its annual session in Houston next November.

Size of the budget was dictated by a survey committee studying the needs of Texas Baptist institutions. The \$10,000,000 is recommended annually for five years, and its adoption by the Convention will mean the termination of special fund-raising campaigns by individual institutions.

The proposed \$10,000,000 annual income would be divided into three categories—the distributable, designated, and contingent. Six million dollars would go annually to the fourths of the remaining \$4,000,000 would go for Southern Baptist Convention causes, and one-fourth would be used for state Baptist causes.

running over. Many men have had afflictions—none like Job; many women have had tribulations—none like Naomi.

**III. Naomi's Trust.** It was absolute. That which is inevitable comes from God, and He, the judge of all the earth, withh do right. His hand may be upon his child in chastisement, but it is God's hand, and it is guided by God's heart and God's wisdom. Naomi heard that her God had visited His people in Bethlehem in giving them bread, and she was minded to go back home, swallow her pride, face her sorrow, take up her burden and walk beneath it as became a child of Jehovah. Has Naomi any lesson to teach us hot-hearted, world-lustful slaves of greed? Impatient at any thwarting of our desires or frustration of our selfish plans, is there nothing for us to learn of patient endurance of tribulation?

**IV. Naomi's Triumph.** This came as the fruit of her faith that she would find help as the reward of her search. Of course she had great comfort and happiness in the unswerving loyalty of her daughter-in-law, the gallant girl who set herself the task of providing a living for the two of them. But all of this soldierly gallantry might have gone for naught had not the fact of a redeemer, a teaching and truth that runs like a golden thread through all of God's revelations, trust its gracious self like a ray of God's own sunlight, into the fog-darkened life of this faithful woman. The goal, the kinsman redeemer came to her rescue, redeemed the property which had been lost through debt, and along with the property, bought to himself and married the young widow of his kinsman, the son of Naomi.

Under the law of the land of Israel, the child of her widowed daughter-in-law was regarded as Naomi's child, so she had now a son to claim and nurse and train, a son to rely upon when she had grown feeble and old. She faced the world at the last a happy, fortunate woman able unashamed to look the world in the face now that the reproach of her childlessness had been taken away, the estate of her family restored, and a man-child born to perpetuate the line of her family.

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### TWO COUNTIES TO VOTE ON BEER IN AUGUST

A local option election will be held in Grenada County on August 10, and one will be held in Monroe county on August 17 to determine whether the legalized sale of beer shall return or whether they shall remain dry. According to the testimony of some of the leading business men of these counties conditions are far better now than they were when beer was sold.

The wets are calling these elections for selfish reasons. Those who are most interested in the return of legalized beer want it so they can sell it unhampered. They know that their business is fundamentally wrong and cannot be made right nor respectable. Their business is against every legitimate business in the county. It is also against everything that is worth while and uplifting. It is a down-dragging, life - destroying business that ought to be outlawed and stamped out like rattle snakes or mad dogs. Their propaganda is designed to divert the attention of the people from the main issue to some side track issue or by-path. One of the old stock arguments of the wets is that the people are going to drink it anyway, and it should therefore, be legalized so the county and state could receive revenue from

it. To be consistent they would have to argue to repeal the laws against murder, rape and robbery on the same grounds.

Beverage alcohol is responsible for more than half of the crimes committed. The emphasis should fall on the major issue; namely, that strong drink is public enemy Number One. It matters not whether it be sold legally or otherwise. The results are the same. Revenue from beer is blood money, therefore, and God says "Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood and establisheth a city in iniquity."

It is not revenue that the wets are interested in. It is personal gain which they hope to get out of the traffic. They do not care what it costs the public. As in the days of old it could be said of them, "They seek the young child's life." The youth of our land has no greater enemy.

Judge Joseph T. Zofoli of Massachusetts says, "Alcoholism costs the state annually \$46,474,943.74, while revenue from liquor is only \$13,139,266.72." Alabama's is \$51,500,000 cost as against \$13,000,000 revenue. It costs the people of Arkansas \$15 for every \$1 revenue. No genuine Christian will vote to legalize this the greatest enemy of youth, the home, the church, and society.

### COUNTY LINE, RANKIN COUNTY



Shown above is County Line Church, Rankin County, that was dedicated debt free in May. The church has recently closed a successful VBS with approximately 75 enrolled. Junior and Primary Departments were 100 per cent in attendance. Rev. J. A. Barnhill is pastor.

### BWA Executive Group Will Meet in London

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— A large number of Southern Baptists are plans to attend a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance executive committee in London in August.

Among Southern Baptists planning to attend are Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, of St. Louis, president of the Alliance; Dr. R. Paul Caudill, of Memphis, chairman of the Alliance's relief committee; Dr. Frank Leavell, of Nashville, co-chairman of the Alliance's relief committee; on youth work; Dr. M. Theron Rankin and Dr. George Sadler, of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Dr. Duke K. McCall, of Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee; Dr. Theodore F. Adams, of Richmond, Va.; and Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, of Louisville, Ky.

### Charleston Church Has Youth Revival

Rev. Joe Stovall, Dodds Douglas, Jean Dossett, and June Richardson led a youth revival at Charleston church the third week in June. There were 6 professions of faith, 2 by letter and 2 rededications. After the evening services each day, a singspiration was held with refreshments served. From 50 to 75 young people took part in this social hour. Rev. Kermit Canterbury is pastor.

All the churches of East Tallahatchie County were invited to take part in these services and 12 Baptist Churches besides other denominations were represented during the week.





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### Ridgecrest Meeting Planned

Brotherhood Week at Ridgecrest will be held August 5-11. According to Executive Secretary Lawson H. Cooke, a well planned program has been arranged — one which will deal with Brotherhood methods, objectives and promotional plans.

Requests for reservations should be sent immediately to Mr. Robert Guy, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. A one-dollar registration fee should accompany each request for reservation.

### Ridgecrest Special Bus Cancelled

Several months ago the Brotherhood Secretary made arrangements with the Greyhound Bus Lines for a special bus to carry your men to Brotherhood Week at Ridgecrest. It has developed that we are going to have a number of men to go to Ridgecrest for the conference, but they prefer going in their automobiles rather than by bus. It will not be possible with the few that want to go to have a special bus. The Brotherhood Secretary will gladly assist in working up parties for those who are interested. Three or four cars are now made up, and we shall gladly assist in any way possible.

### Associational Rallies to Emphasize State Missions

The associational rallies for the third quarter to be held in September will use as their theme State Missions. As men we must emphasize more and more the great mission needs.

Missions is winning the last, baptizing the believers and catechizing the saved anywhere and everywhere. The three-fold program of missionary activities is as necessary in Mississippi as it is in Africa to carry out the Great Commission. Missions is a universal

task. We are under marching orders of Christ's to be witnesses of His saving grace to every creature in the world. This mission was to begin in Jerusalem, and then go out "in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

### Layman's Day, October 10

Sunday, October 10, has been designated as Southwide Layman's Day and will be observed by thousands of churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Our Mississippi churches are urged to observe this day. Surely no less than one thousand of them will take advantage of the opportunity to use great numbers of laymen in the services of that day.

Some suggestions for observing the day: Use men to teach all classes in the Sunday School above the Primary Department. Have laymen to conduct all the preliminaries of the Worship Service. Have an all-men choir. Use men for special music. In some instances it will be helpful to use several laymen to bring the message. Various phases of a certain subject may be assigned for brief discussion. Certainly every effort to get all men in the church to attend should be made. Brother pastor, in the promotion of such a service you will discover a lot of talent and enlist some of your laymen to a fuller degree.

### Attention — Pastor

Within a few weeks your church will be adopting the letter for the annual meeting of your association. Will you please see that "Table V: The Brotherhood Work" is properly filled out? This information is vital in getting correct statistics on Brotherhood work in the state.

## PARKWAY SUNDAY SCHOOL SEES CONTINUED GROWTH SUPT. BEARD STRESSES CONTINUED VISITATION

At its regular Monthly Meeting Parkway Baptist Church, Sunday School Superintendent Beard made the following report which was met with much enthusiasm by all the officers and teachers present, and one of the first statements was pleasing indeed in that Parkway is still a Standard Sunday School and feels certain they will hold the standard throughout the next quarter of work. The report follows:

Enrollment at end of third quarter, 1124.

New members for the quarter, 33.  
Contacts made during the quarter of work, 7000.  
Number attending Workers council (average attendance), 76 per cent.  
Preaching attendance average for nine months, 76 per cent.  
Sunday School attendance:  
Third quarter (avg. att.) ..... 608  
Second quarter " " ..... 600  
First quarter " " ..... 570  
Superintendent Beard stresses visitation as the key to the excellent average attendance.

enrollment of 5,690 during the 1945-46 school year. The following year enrollments had leaped to 9,565. And while totals were not available for the next year, Dean Pyatt said the increase was even larger.

"The minister of today must be a well-trained man," Dean Pyatt commented. "He is talking to and guiding a congregation which has a much higher level of intelligence than in past years."

Dean Pyatt pointed out that many of the students entering theological schools nowadays are ministers who learned they must have more training to do their job effectively.

Another factor, he noted, is the increase in the number of churches now calling for assistant pastors.

## If He Had Made a —

By B. C. Land, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Foundation

The Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church of Kalamazoo (names fictitious, case real, was having "growing pains." Particularly was this true of the Sunday School. It could not take care of its enrollment, not to mention the hundreds of prospects.

Erected years before when the membership was small and the town was a sprawling infant, nothing had been done to modernize it. Meanwhile, the membership had more than quadrupled, and the town had grown by leaps and bounds, so that it was really a modern city. The rapid growth of the membership and of the city enlarged its possibilities and increased its responsibility to provide new and larger buildings.

The problem pressed upon Rev. Thomas Cantrell, the young and enterprising pastor. Building so on became his absorbing passion. He dreamed of it by night and prayed and planned about it by day. He would have no difficulty in leading the congregation to build if he could show them where the money would come from. The entire building program would cost a sizeable sum. This question had to be answered before his dreams and plans could possibly come true.

In the membership was a consecrated millionaire layman. "Maybe he could be interested in this project," the pastor said. He found him definitely and deeply interested. He promised to contribute a large amount, practically enough to cover 1-3 of the cost of the entire program. Encouraged and enthusiastic, he left the wealthy layman, confident that his dreams and plans would soon be realized. With such a generous contribution from such an influential man, he could challenge those of lesser means in the church family.

But his joy was short-lived. The millionaire suddenly died! The whole church was grief-stricken. They had lost one of their most consecrated and beloved members. To lose such a good man was sad and tragic enough, but regrettably, the loss was more than the man himself. It affected seriously the church's building plans; for he had made no provision for the redemption of his promise for the new building. Save for a small check, the church got nothing from his estate; nor did the widow and the children manifest any interest in it. He was one of those many husbands who gave to the entire family. With no teaching and no training, they were undeveloped in the great matter of Christian stewardship. Small wonder that they felt little or no sense of obligation to contribute of the big estate left them by their husband and father.

If only he had made his will and included in it his church and his denomination! How different would have been the story for the church, the cause and the family! Thousands of dollars would have been saved in Federal Estate and State Inheritance taxes, as well as heavy administrative costs. If only he had taken his wife into his plans and pledged her to fulfill his solemn promise to his pastor! If only he had taken his rightful place as head of his family and taught them the principles and the practice of Christian Stewardship, with the tithe as the money expression, what a different ending the story would have had.

Brother Pastor, are you doing your

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B.T.U.

### ATTENDANCE

July 11, 1948

Jackson, Calvary	1142	228
Jackson, Calvary including		
Stone St. Mission	1180	256
Jackson, First	1041	348
Jackson, Van Winkle	365	208
Jackson, Northside	374	108
Jackson, Elaine	115	80
Byram, Hinds County	250	113
Jackson, Parkway	578	175
Parkway Chapel	73	33
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	199	93
Jackson, Davis Memorial	279	94
Crystal Springs	702	110
Hattiesburg, Main Street	696	266
Laurel, Second Avenue	357	90
New Albany, First	490	133
New Albany First including		
Northside Mission	537	159
Zion Hill, Copiah County	66	60
Paynes, Tallahatchie County	130	66
Gulfport, First	490	141
Centerville	167	46
Pascagoula, First	490	150
Grenada, First	504	75
Oak Grove, Calhoun County	54	50
Columbia, East	75	
Pleasant Valley, Simpson		
County	128	118
Cross Roads, Webster County	116	61
Calvary, Pike County	87	77
Chalybeate	76	54
Carmel, Lauderdale County	60	55
Holly Springs, Lincoln County	52	46
Wallerville	128	62
Hebron, Jones County	75	76
Columbus, First	700	160
Cherry Creek, Pontotoc		
County	98	43
Laurel, West	373	107
New Zion, Copiah County	83	63
Darling	68	27
McComb, East	428	224
Carmel, Lawrence County	135	114
Beulah, Simpson County	165	105
Long Creek, Lauderdale County	106	95
Providence, Forrest County	137	100
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	50	92
Houka	91	42
Chester	59	
Bruce	241	77
Kosciusko, Second	127	67
Corinth, Tate Street	197	56
Soso	121	81
July 4, 1948		
Brookhaven, First	666	131
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	67	39
Long Creek, Lauderdale County	74	84
Friendship, Pike County	175	85
Pleasant Valley, Simpson		
County	100	96
East McComb	408	175
Corinth, Tate Street	185	59
Cross Roads, Webster County	77	57
Holly Springs, Lincoln County	61	40
Providence, Forrest County	162	102
Centerville	135	38

## Students Establish Fund For Translation To Portuguese

FORT WORTH, Texas —(BP)— A volunteer student movement for the purpose of raising funds for translation and publication of evangelical theological writings into the Portuguese language has been started at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Rev. James W. McClendon, president of the group which calls itself the Portuguese Translation Fund, said that need for a fund became known when missionaries and Brazilian students on the campus advised that only ten evangelical theological works are available in Portuguese.

McClendon said that contributions may be mailed to Huber L. Drumwright, treasurer, Seminary Hill Station, Fort Worth 10, Texas.

full duty by your people? Are you teaching and training them to be faithful stewards of their possessions? Are you encouraging them to make will and to include in those wills our Lord's holy causes? Then won't you please do it for Jesus' sake?

## Reports Record Enrollment In Theological Schools

DAYTON, Ohio —(RNS)— Theological schools, like college and universities the country over, are in the midst of record-breaking enrollments.

Dean C. L. Pyatt, of Lexington, Ky., executive secretary of the American Association of Theological Schools, used specific figures to substantiate that statement as the group ended its two-day session at Bonebrake seminary here.

"Reason for the increase is the demand in congregations for ministers with extensive training and a general increase in the responsibility and scope of the church," Dean Pyatt said.

He revealed the 70 accredited schools in the association showed an



## Sparks & Splinters

First Church of Sumner recently sent a contribution to the Orphanage for the Davis Memorial Baptist Church Building Fund in the amount of \$142.96. Rev. Herbert Herrington is Pastor of the Sumner Church.

Rev. James Chapman, student at Clarke College, will do the preaching during the series of revival services at Hickory Church, Lamar County, which will begin Saturday night, July 17. Rev. Alton Polk is pastor.

The V. B. S. at Taylor has just come to a close. Miss Willa Dean Featherston, the director, was ably assisted by Mrs. Alton Horne and Miss Lorene Mitchell. R. L. Ray, Jr., is pastor of this church.

The June number of Home Life contains a two-page article, "Happily Ever After," about Mary Lee Trenor Askew, who graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1943, and her husband Curtis, who finished at Mississippi College, Clinton, who will serve as missionaries in Japan under the Foreign Mission Board. The article is by Lucille Case Murphy.

Requests upon us for the admission of children to the Orphanage show no let-up. Requests for the admission of 7 sets of children came up to us the past week. There were 25 children in the total group. Seven of these children were admitted to the Orphanage as follows: - Linda Kay Farmer, age 3, Richard Prentiss Farmer, age 5, Audrey Monet Farmer, age 10, and Ruford Ross Farmer, age 11, Hinds County; Georgia Lou Barlow, age 9, Hugh Fay Barlow, age 10, and Jewel Yvonne Barlow, age 11, from Copiah County. We can now only admit children to fill the vacancies left by children we are able to place elsewhere. We are continually receiving the circumstances connected with the children we have enrolled and wherever there is an opportunity to return children to rehabilitated homes we are on the alert for such action. It is our hope that no meritorious case coming within the range of our Baptist responsibility shall be left very long without needed service rendered. - W. G. Mize, Supt.

A group of boys and girls from the Baptist Orphanage together with their Sup't, W. G. Mize, had charge of the Prayer Service At Calvary Church, Jackson, recently in the absence of the Pastor, Dr. Claude Bowen, who was in a meeting at Rosedale. Some 25 or more of these children attended R. A. Camp at Camp Garaywa and gave a report of their activity while at Camp. Calvary Church made it possible by their contribution to send 10 of the boys to Camp.

Shady Grove Church, Copiah County, recently closed their first VBS with an enrollment of 71 and mission offering of \$9.88 which was given for relief of suffering children of war-torn areas. Pastor Bryan Simmons and other local church members were assisted by Miss Caraway, church secretary of Hazlehurst Church.

Shady Grove Church, Copiah County, recently had a Training Union study course. Rev. L. C. Hoff, pastor at County Line Church, Copiah County, Mrs. Luna, and Miss Corkin of Hazlehurst Baptist Church were the teachers. Rev. Bryan Simmons is pastor.

The Baptist Book Store will be closed at 1:00 o'clock on Saturday afternoons from July 10 through the month of August.

The revival at East Columbia Church, Rev. Guy A. Little, pastor, will begin on July 18. Rev. M. D. Morton, pastor at Crystal Springs, will do the preaching and Rev. Zeno Wells, East Moss Point, will lead the singing. Dinner will be served at the church on July 18.

Hazlehurst Church recently had the largest VBS in the history of the church, with an enrollment of 226 and an average attendance of 217. Their Sunday School attendance for the past 4 months has averaged 353. Rev. Carey E. Cox is pastor.

"Achieving Peace of Mind" is the title of an interesting and helpful article in the July issue of the Baptist Training Union Magazine. The author is a Mississippian, Dr. Chester E. Swor.

There have been more than 6,000 responses to the Gospel invitation in the first three months of the Hyman Appelman Gospel Campaign in Australia. Of these, more than four thousand have been professions of faith. The campaign continues to the first part of September. Evangelist Appelman and Gospel Singer Homer Britton are due back in the States on or about September 10.

Jesus' friendship was not a mere abstraction. He was not just a "friend to man." His was not a generalized friendship of the mass. He was a friend to individuals who had concrete cases of personal need. Jesus singled out men one by one from the mass and met their needs through friendship. . . Ralph W. Below in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

**PULPIT PLEADINGS** (\$1.75), by Dr. R. G. Lee and published by the Broadman Press, Nashville 3, Tennessee, is the latest volume for the heart and brain and pen of the popular preacher. Those who have heard Dr. Lee or have read his sermons will be prepared for the evangelistic fervor and highly inspirational quality of this book. Every sermon, eight in all, is brim-full of gospel truth and is forcefully and elegantly expressed. Each one is scriptural, practical and challenging rather than theological. His use of contrast stresses, holds, and convinces the reader; his analogies and illustrations are germane and timely. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

In the report of the Clarke College Campaign progress in the May 27 issue of the Baptist Record, Hazlehurst Church, Rev. Carey E. Cox, pastor, was reported as giving \$14.00. A later report indicates that the total amount given by Hazlehurst Church was \$266. We are happy to make this addition.

South Laurel Church, Rev. J. M. Foy, pastor, recently experienced a series of revival services with Rev. T. E. Fant, pastor at Hebron Church, Jones County, doing the preaching and Rev. H. L. Courtney, pastor at Beacon Church, Laurel, leading the singing. There were 47 additions to the church, 27 of those by baptism, and 4 surrendered for Christian service.

Rev. B. W. Hudson, former pastor at Chalhybeate, sends his subscription and asks that he be remembered to his Mississippi friends. He is now pastor at Elysian Fields Church, New Orleans. His address is 2106 Humanity Street.

"I am now and always in favor of the pulpit being erected in the center of the auditorium. Upon this stand the Bible belongs. The one who teaches and preaches its message should also be at the focal point of emphasis in the building." . . . Ellis Fuller. . . W. A. Harrell in The Sunday School Builder.

Recent visitors in the office of the Baptist Record are listed as follows: Mrs. Carl Jackson, Hermannville; Rev. Guy A. Little, Columbia; Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Shubuta; Mrs. G. O. Satre, Shubuta; Mrs. W. E. May, Lake; Mrs. E. W. James, Richton; Mrs. J. L. McMillon, Carthage; Mrs. W. M. Scribner, Carthage; Mrs. J. A. Hinton, Sosa; Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Nashville; Tenn.; Jack D. Nazary, Lena; Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Howell, Foxworth; Miss Mary Blanche Cloud, Smithdale; Rev. Artis Brewer, Clarke College; Clyde Anderson, Ellisville; Robert Pilcher, Jackson; Mrs. D. H. Pilcher, Jackson.

Dr. J. D. Gray, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, has just concluded a ten-day revival with the First Baptist Church of Somerset, Kentucky. Dr. Preston L. Ramsey, Pastor. During the ten days there were 85 additions, 50 for baptism.

Mr. T. M. Dickson, secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Convention ran a list of the Brotherhoods in the state who had contributed to the Brotherhood car fund in last week's RECORD, but through error the names of three churches who had contributed were omitted. They are: First Church, Meridian; First Church, Biloxi; and Myrick in Jones County.

## Occupation Soldiers Baptized In Japan



On Sunday May 9, the following soldiers, shown above, were baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Biloxi, where their chaplain (Peter E. Cullom) has his membership:

Cpl. A. S. Zemaitia, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Cpl. W. A. Stark, Edwardsport, Indiana; Sgt. Oakley J. Worth, Alamosa, Colorado.

A total of 33 men have been baptized by this chaplain in a little over one year in Japan and as many more soldiers have made professions of faith who did not care to join a Baptist Church.

Terry's Creek Church has recently closed a VBS with 62 enrolled. The mission offering was given to the Foreign Mission Board. The following were members of the faculty: Miss Mary Lyndelle Wells, principal, Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Wells, Mrs. Hewitt Prestridge, Mrs. Oleon Martin, Mrs. Eli McElveen, Mrs. Jimmy Van, Mrs. C. F. Travis, Jr., and Mrs. Charlie Newman.

Rev. E. D. Estes former State Evangelist for Mississippi Baptist Convention is available for revival meetings during all of August and September and might be some good church will need him for pastor. Address him: c/o James E. Hinkson, R. No. 3, Little Rock, Arkansas or c/o Rev. Carel O. Estes, 100 Miller Ave., Canton, Mississippi. - E. D. ESTES.

No person who is in physical, mental, or spiritual destitution wants you, or anyone else, to "do him good." He wants to be accepted like any other human being and only in so treating him can you help him salvage his self-respect. He wants you to look at the world through his eyes. If you are to be his friend, you must put yourself in his place. This is not as easy as it seems. This attitude takes moral stamina, great faith, sympathetic compassion and the desire for the approval of Christ. . . Ralph W. Below in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

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Dr. W. Herschel Ford has just completed his first year as pastor of the First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas. During the year 442 new members were added, 128 for baptism. Gifts amounted to \$114,000.00 with \$27,000.00 going to Missions.

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## Organize Baptist Church at Hurley

The people in the communities of Hurley, Harleston and Big Point met on June 20 and organized a church to be called the Hurley Baptist church. This is the first church between Escatawpa and Agricola on highway 63. Ministers in the section were helpful to the people. Pastor O. B. Robertson of Agricola, Dr. John Brock of Moss Point, County Missionary Wallace Harrell, Dr. L. E. Greene, Pastor M. S. Varnado of Pascagoula, and others, extended good wishes, and some assured some financial help in the building which will be erected. Five cars loaded with deacons and members came from neighboring churches to help organize. Pastor Wyatt of Wade was detained and could not attend.

Baptists in the community have long wanted a church, although the utmost welcome has been extended by all the other denominations who have buildings. The church met in the school house, but the Methodists have invited them to use their house while they erect their own. Some members of other churches have indicated they will assist when the building is started.

While this small group realizes the greatness of the task ahead, they are facing the future with faith, according to Mrs. Irvin Woodall, church clerk, and they hope to make the new church count in a fine way as they serve. The first meeting of the church after formal organization found them setting up a Sunday school to study God's Word, and taking an offering, which amounted to \$18.14, for the cooperative work in the Lord's kingdom around the world as well as at home.

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## Central Church, Forrest, Has VBS

Central Church, Forrest County, closed their VBS with 115 enrolled. The mission offering of \$15 was sent to the River Front Mission in New Orleans.

Rev. H. L. Davis is pastor, and Mrs. W. R. Sumrall was principal. Refreshments were served each day and on the closing day they enjoyed a picnic.

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## G. A. Nichols Leaves Ellisville Church

Rev. George A. Nichols, pastor for four years at Ellisville, recently resigned in order to accept the pastorate at First Church, Opelousas, Louisiana.

While he was pastor at Ellisville, the following achievements were accomplished: purchase of a Hammond Electric organ; purchase of a carpet covering for the main auditorium and pulpit platform; increase in gifts to all causes; increased attendance at Sunday School, largest attendance being reached this year of 339; complete organization of a Cradle Roll department which became standard; organization of two nursery departments, one of which became standard; paid worker for the nursery during morning and evening preaching services. The nursery was equipped with germicidal lights, a gift of a family of the church.

The VBS this year enrolled 170 children, Training Union attendance tripled, highest attendance being 127, and an adult department has been organized this year.

## Pecan Grove Church Has Bible School

Pecan Grove Church, Jones County, recently completed a two weeks' VBS with 69 enrolled.

Pastor W. T. Johnson was principal. He was assisted by the following: Mrs. Nell Barlove, H. C. Bullock, Jr., Mrs. N. T. Herrington, Mrs. G. Rose, Mrs. Catherine Nichols, Mrs. W. T. Johnson, Mrs. J. T. Waltman, Miss Dorothy Herrington, Mrs. G. G. Rogers, Mrs. A. B. Howard, W. T. Johnson, Jr.

They have also recently completed a Training Union study course with 45 qualifying for diplomas or seals.

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## Duck Hill Church Has VBS

Duck Hill Church, Montgomery County, closed a successful VBS with 120 enrolled and an average attendance of 103. There were 2 professions of faith and \$20 mission offering.

The school was under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Rose Thompson of Drew, a graduate of M. S. C. W. She was assisted by a faculty of 20 local workers.

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## Tinsley Church Has VBS

Tinsley Church, Yazoo Association, held a joint VBS with Providence and Short Creek Baptist Churches. There was an enrollment of 64, and 13 professions of faith. The mission offering of \$12.16 was given to Rev. M. C. Chow, Chinese Missionary, according to Mrs. W. T. Young, reporter.

The following assisted in the school: E. M. Wallace, principal, Miss Mary Lee Young, pianist, Mrs. Chester Gates, Mrs. S. D. Harris, Mrs. Dock Hammons, Mrs. E. M. Wallace, Mrs. Annie Laura Kinard, Mrs. E. E. Logan, Mrs. W. T. Young, Mrs. Tom Ellzey, and Mrs. Sam Milner.

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## 40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd Sr.  
40 YEARS AGO

The report of the commencement exercises of Mississippi and Hillman Colleges says that the session closed "quite up to high standard." One of the most successful sessions in the history of Mississippi College. The enrollment was the largest, being 460 students. The graduating class was the largest, thirty-eight.

Chaplain Webb Brame writes that the penitentiary had received 400 volumes within the month for their library. Over half of the prison enrollment are enrolled in the Sunday school.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Pastor W. S. Landrum had Rev. Bryan Simmons in a meeting at Finkbine with good results.

Pastor Tom Timlinson has moved into the new pastor's home at the Griffith Memorial Baptist church with his "pantry filled with gifts and his heart with gladness."

The marriage of Rev. Roland Quinche Leavell and Miss Lillian Forbes Yarborough in First Baptist church of Hattiesburg is announced. The brides father was pastor of that church at the time.

Rev. S. G. Posey of the First Baptist church, Biloxi, was the preacher in an excellent meeting in the Eden Baptist church, T. J. Moore, pastor. Twenty additions, nine for baptism.

## Hold Prayer Meetings Against Race Track

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(RNS)— Memphis Baptists substituted a 24-hour series of prayer meetings for a motorcade to the Arkansas capital in their protest against a proposed race track at West Memphis, Ark.

The racing center was discussed by the Arkansas Racing Commission at a meeting in Little Rock. The track, for horse racing, would be located just across the Mississippi river from Memphis with a view to attracting crowds from Tennessee where racing is illegal.

More than 200 cars had been expected to participate in the motorcade of Memphis and East Arkansas Baptists. The sudden change in plans came during a meeting of the pastors' association, when Eastern Arkansas churchmen suggested that a small committee sent to Little Rock by the association would be as effective as the mass demonstration.

Plans were then laid for a 24-hour county-wide uninterrupted chain prayer leading to and through the meeting time of the racing Commissioners.

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## Dinan Church Has First VBS

Dinan Church, Walthall County, recently conducted its first VBS, during which 49 children were enrolled. There was one profession of faith and a contribution to the Cooperative Program of \$23.02.

Rev. R. Paul Strickler served as pastor of the school and Miss Era Duncan was principal, along with 12 other workers. Parents provided refreshments each day. Rev. Strickler is pastor.

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## D'Lo Church Has VBS, 32 Professions

D'Lo Church, Rev. Morrell Lee, pastor, recently closed a successful VBS with 99 enrolled, Mrs. J. C. McLeod was the principal. At the close of an evangelistic service conducted by Pastor Lee and Mrs. McLeod, 32 boys and girls professed Christ, and 8 intermediate girls surrendered for Christian service.

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## Mississippi Calendar of Prayer

### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- July 19 — W. A. Turman, Zion Association Sunday School Superintendent; Miss Bonita West, Information Desk and Room Clerk, Baptist Hospital.
- July 20 — J. L. Jenkins, Sunflower County Training Union Director; Dr. W. O. Sadler, Professor of Biology, Mississippi College.
- July 21 — L. E. White, Newton County Music Director; Mrs. Wayne McClure, Home Science Department, Woman's College.
- July 22 — Mrs. Irene Marston, Director, Christian Education, Baptist Orphanage; C. D. Shields, trustee, Clarke College.
- July 23 — Dr. L. B. Campbell, Professor of Bible and Philosophy, Mississippi College.
- July 24 — Dr. W. L. Sewell, Vice-president, Clarke College Trustees Dr. H. E. Spell, Dean, Mississippi College.
- July 25 — John M. Morrow, Prentiss County Training Union Director.

## Swedish Baptists Celebrate Centenary of First Church

STOCKHOLM —(RNS)— Swedish Baptists are making the 100th anniversary of their first church in this country. Centenary observances are being sponsored by the Swedish Baptist Union.

The first church was founded in a cottage at Borekulla soon after five persons were baptized in Vällersvik Bay on Sept. 21, 1848. Chief pioneer of the Baptist Church in Sweden was a sailor named F. O. Nilsson, whose teachings led to the baptism of the five at Borekulla.

In those days, prejudice was strong against Baptists, and religious "innovations" were frowned upon by the Lutheran State Church. Nilsson was subsequently arrested for "spreading erroneous doctrines" and was sentenced to banish.

He went to Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1851 where he served as a pastor for two years. Pardoned in 1860, he later served in Gothenberg, Sweden and the United States.

It was during his stay in Copenhagen that Nilsson baptized the Rev. Anders Wilberg, a convert from the Lutheran Church. Wieberg later became the chief Baptist pioneer in Sweden, writing a significant treatise on baptism, organizing Baptist work, and helping found the Bethel Theological Seminary here.

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## THE GREAT PROSELYTER'S PROTEGE CONVERTED

The Converted Catholic Magazine tells the story of Rev. J. A. Fernandez and also relates how he has been instrumental under God in leading a protege of Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen to Christ.

We hear a great deal about people being converted to Catholicism, but very little is said about the large number who go the other way toward religious independence. — Watchman-Examiner.

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### JESSE SMITH

On March 29, 1944, our beloved friend and brother in Christ, Jesse Smith, passed away.

He was ever faithful at his post in his church, never shirking and always loyal. He served as Sunday School superintendent for many years, and was a deacon of the Greenland Baptist Church at the time of his passing.

His strength and faith in the Lord were a constant example and source of inspiration to all who knew him. He is greatly missed by the pastor, deacons, and members of his church, who leaned so heavily upon him for advice and loved him so devotedly. We feel that his life has been a blessing to all that have come in contact with him.

Be it therefore our endeavor,  
To live a life so full of love,  
That when we hear our summons  
We may meet you up above.  
Up in Heaven with the angels,  
Over on the other shore,  
We will be with you, Mr. Jesse,  
Be with you forever more.

Therefore, be it resolved: First, that we extend to Mrs. Ida Smith, his wife, and to the other members of his family our deepest sympathy. We point them to our Heavenly Father for His comfort and consolation.

Second, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the church, a copy be given to the family, and a copy be sent to the Union Appeal and to the Baptist Record.

EUGENE MATLOCK  
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Committee